



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!



Parish Picnic

Sunday, May 22 following 11:15 service

Everyone's invited! Come around back of the church outside the Parish Hall for our annual Parish Picnic! We'll have barbecue chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings, potato salad, coleslaw, iced tea and lemonade, plus ice cream sandwiches and popsicles. Lots of fun, too — a **moonwalk** for kids, and the playground will be open as well.

Your donations cover the picnic costs and proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund for our young adults who are graduating from high school and going on to college. See you there!

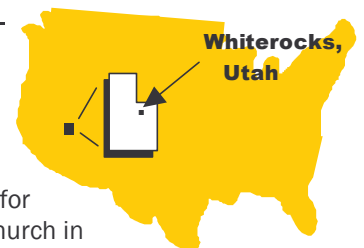
Hors d'oeuvres Competition

Saturday, June 4 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Join us for our adult Hors d'oeuvres Competition! If you don't cook, bring a can of nuts or something, but be sure to be there! If you do like to play in the kitchen, bring one (or more if you like) savory or sweet treats for us to enjoy.

The theme is tropical — after all, Father Jim will be in Costa Rica. So pull out your "island party" casual clothes and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship. Adult beverages will be provided. *There will be prizes for the winners!* We vote for our favorite dishes by dropping coins (or folding money if you are so inclined) into a cup for each dish. The winners are those that raise the most money. We always have a great time, so mark your calendar now!

3RD ANNUAL WHITEROCKS TRIP June 11-18



This year's group of 15 from St. Catherine's leaves June 11 for the state of Utah to be guests of St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church in Whiterocks, as part of our companion relationship with St. Elizabeth's and the Ute community. This year will be extra special as St. Elizabeth's celebrates **100 years** as a worshipping community on the Ouray and Uintah Reservation.

Our team will present "Construction Inc." Vacation Bible School with "Rick the Brick" in coordination with St. Elizabeth's for the children of their community. They will also worship together in the shade house, participate in various work projects, have an evening at a water park, and be privileged to attend a Bear Dance and a Powwow on the church lawn. The week culminates in a Festival Eucharist with the Bishop of Utah to celebrate the 100-year anniversary. Of course there will be a few surprises, lots of fellowship, and a lot of eating! Watch for information and photos on the St. Catherine's website!

Please pray for those on this trip: Paige and Dale Schlenker, Tom Hunter, Jim Greene, Rachel Bagby, Ginny and Scott Lummus, Carol Crosslin, Ginny Accocella, Jamie Harding, Bella Hutto, Joyce Hendricks, Carla Von Hoffman, Nancy Denton, Susan Roberts.

Communion Wine Needed



Our supply of communion wine is getting low. If you would like to help with a donation, please leave it in the church office. Wine may be in memory of, or thanksgiving for a loved one. Please remember to mark your donation accordingly. We use Taylor Tawny Port. Thank you.

Guild of the Christ Child

The Guild of the Christ Child is a joyous ministry that supports families from pregnancy through birth and baptism. Some of the ways that Guild members help is by helping parents obtain information about the sacrament and celebration of baptism, selection of godparents and nursery schedules. Interested or need additional information? Please check your bulletin or contact Barbara Barrington at 770-516-9224.

Filled with new wine!

[From Father Jim]

Greetings from the North Georgia Mountains where rest, renewal, and reading seem to be the order of the day. I've enjoyed my time away a great deal as both my time in New Hampshire at St. Paul's School and here at Whispering Winds are very different. However, each has given me the opportunity to stop and pray; to look and listen; to discuss and question; and, to read and reflect. What I have come to understand about myself and the context in which I do my ministry has excited me and given me a renewed sense of purpose and mission.

I hope all of you are doing well and this note finds each and every one of you preparing for a summer of rest and re-creation. As I've heard of deaths and births as well as other life events, I've been reminded how much my joys and sorrows are connected to my life with you in community. Summers have a way of slipping by with a speed unlike the rest of the year and so I hope you are being intentional in your preparations and are giving yourselves permission to take some time off.

It seems impossible that we celebrate the day of Pentecost this coming Sunday. The great fifty days of Easter where we

remember the resurrection of Jesus and his appearance to his disciples has passed by quickly. In my visits with other congregations I have remembered St. Catherine's with unceasing praise. During this same time I have engaged my reading which has allowed me the joy of devouring some novels, some lighter reading, and the reading I have set out for myself dealing with the theme of this time away "embracing diversity."

With the celebration of Pentecost, I am stirred by the words which follow the reading we will hear from the book of Acts. We end our reading at verse 11 but verses 12 and 13 tell us something of how the disciples were viewed and received by those who heard their story of flames and the gift of the Holy Spirit. "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean? But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'" (Acts 2:12-13)

The theme of this sabbatical ("Embracing Diversity") might seem to many a bit like the response of the community to the Pentecost event. Are they filled with new wine? Many may "sneer" and ask about our conviction as a congregation to "welcome, accept, nurture and serve all people" in the

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Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Tommy Hill, Karen Ann Mosso, Lisa Arnold, Olivia McLeod, Giselle Galan, Agnes Floyd, Natalie May, Patsy Ramsey, Roy Miller, Chris Sexton, Chuck Hays, Ursula Schutz, Rebecca Branchero, Jonathan Kennedy, Leonard Carter, Jenny Ward, Nancy Riley, Susan Stanton, Eileen Motter, Dina Parker, Roy Clish, Don Drafall, Patricia Kincaid, Kim Fusinaz, Paul Acker, Zanny Dillson, Rick, Nancy, the Blizzard Family, Bob Whittle, Molly Frost, Brant & Jan Frost, Tom & Martha Bryan, Velma Kutzbach.

For the Deceased

Ray Foster, Steve Diffley's uncle; Rebecca Kathryn Thompson, daughter of Matt & Cindy Thompson; Holt Garrison, student of Jim Waddell

Special Prayers

Defend all the men and women of our armed forces at home or abroad especially in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Kuwait that they will have a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be.

For the birth of MacKenzie Patricia & Brianna Constance Ward to Jennifer & Chris Ward. Jennifer is Jim & Joan Nixon's niece.

For the birth of Shepherd Scott Smith to Laurie & Scott Smith. Grandparents are Susan & John Martin.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(5/29/05) Dianne Blackshear-Wood, Devon & Joe Parker; Jim, Linetta, Hannah & Patrick Woodruff; Bill & Rujeania Woods; George & Charlene Wyatt; Mark, Lyn, David & Carey Zeman

(6/5/05) Chuck, Michelle, Charlie & Madeline Zimmerman; Paul, Ginny, Kevin, Corey & Kerry Acocella; Frank, Ellen, Alison & Grace Adams; George & Norma Alexander; Robert & Audrey Archer

A Surprise for Dad!

We need donated ties in good condition for a Father's Day craft. If you have any you can spare, please leave them at the church office. Thank you.



Is EFM for you?

EFM (Education for Ministry) is a nine-month course of study that covers topics such as the Old and New Testament and church history. Additionally, the program stimulates and deepens spirituality. Tuition is \$340.

The course begins the first Monday after Labor Day, September 12. Right now, there are two classes, Monday evenings at 6:30 PM and Wednesday morning at 9:30 AM.

For more information about EFM, contact Gail McGill at 770-971-8890.

Dear Friends,

Liz Rea, David Craig, Diane Sanders, Jennifer Massey and I have agreed to take on a challenging task at Father Jim's request. We have formed an executive committee to explore the possible need for a capital campaign. Most parishioners are very familiar with the last campaign we called Faith Builds!. The results of Faith Builds! gave us a wonderful new sanctuary, additional space for worship and outreach programs, as well as administration and youth space, among other things. In the next several weeks, you will have the opportunity to respond to a survey which will measure the feasibility of a campaign. Our Vestry has supported the recommendations of the executive committee and we welcome the challenge that lies ahead. If the results of the feasibility study show that a campaign is desirable, Jennifer Massey and I have agreed to be co-chairs of the next campaign. We ask for your prayers and support during this time.

Your friend in Christ,

John Barrington

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name of Jesus Christ. They are succumbing to "political correctness" others might say. Others yet might accuse us of being conformed to the world, rather than following Christ's call to resist such conformity.

My reading and my experiences at St. Paul's School have continued to strengthen my conviction that "the open arms of Christ on the cross are a sign that God does not want to be a God without the other and suffers humanity's violence in order to embrace it." (Volf, 154) Far from conforming to our world, a commitment to embrace the other is to transform the world which throughout history seems set on defining the other as something or someone to be excluded. If this means being accused of consuming too much new wine by the rest of the world then I, for one, am prepared to suffer "humanity's violence in order to embrace" such a way of living and doing ministry. As Miroslav Volf goes on to say in his work, *Embrace and Exclusion*, when as humanity we face otherness, "We instinctively reach for a

shield and a sword, but the cross offers us outstretched arms and a naked body with a pierced side; we feel we need the cunning wisdom of serpents, but the cross invites us to the foolishness of innocent doves." (Volf, 126)

And so when I celebrate the day of Pentecost [last Sunday] and hear the words of the book of Acts and the gospel of John, I will celebrate St. Catherine's desire to live more deeply into our covenant with God even as we discover together the best way to do the reconciling work of Jesus Christ and, at times, suffer the criticism of the world. I very much look forward with renewed conviction and vigor to our ongoing dialogue. I am challenged and excited for the opportunity for us together to explore the very question we hear in the book of Acts "What does this mean?"

In the meantime, I wish each of you a delightful and bliss-full summer. May it truly be a time of rest, renewal, and re-creation for you and yours. God bless you!

In peace,

Vacation Bible School



July
11-15

This year
we're
going on

**Serengeti Trek
Vacation Bible School,
where kids are wild
about God!**

Registration forms are
available at church.

→ **Wish Leaf Tree**

Want to help with VBS?
We need you, even if you
will be out of town that
week! Please come by
and visit our Wish Leaf
Tree outside of the parlor.
Each leaf list one or more
items we need for snacks
during the week. Please
take as many as you
would like and return the
needed items by the date
on the leaf. Thank you for
helping us feed our
hungry travelers!

**The church office
will be closed on
Monday, May 30,
for the Memorial Day
Holiday.**

We are proud of our graduates!

- St. Catherine's Preschool —
Thad Barrington Olivia Stuart
Matthew Dirksen Loren Walker
Lauren Kelly Davis Williams
Chandler Sherry
- Charlie Zimmerman – Primrose Preschool
- Kaitlin Thomas – Graduated fifth grade at Walker, will
continue there.
- Stephanie Burkholder graduating Mt. Bethel Christian
Academy (Middle School), going to Walton High School.
- High School Graduates —
David Bowden – Lassiter High School, will attend Trinity College at the
University of Toronto
Clay Buckalew – Holy Innocents Episcopal School, will attend Georgia State
University
Mark Hogan – Walton High School, leaving June 13 for Marine Boot Camp, Paris
Island
Zach Hurley – Sprayberry High School, Mission trip to New Zealand for 6 months,
then to Southern Polytechnic University in 2006
Kevin Manno – Wheeler High School, going to Southern Polytechnic University
Melody McGowin – Stratford High School, Goose Creek, SC, accepted at Furman
University
Catherine Moore – Walton High School, will attend the University of South Carolina
at Columbia
Tyler Perry – Walton High School, will be attending the U.S. Air Force Academy
Stuart Wallace – Riverwood High School, will attend Mercer University
- College Graduates —
John Christian – Georgia Tech
Lucas Elgie – University of Alabama
Carson Gardner – Boston University
Laura Manno – Georgia Tech
Julien Saunders – Georgia State University
Carey Zeman – Chattahoochee Technical College
David Zeman – University of the South
- Robin McGill – M.Lit. from University of St. Andrews in Scotland
Mikel Parker – MBA from Emory
Kerry S. Acocella – Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, will be
joining the firm of Morrison-Foerster in Manhattan
- E.F.M. (Education for Ministry) Graduates —
Nancy Denton Al Maxwell
Mark Holibaugh Karen Maxwell
Pete Hogan Chris Potter
Robbin Iddins Jan Potter
Elizabeth Lopez



Golf Tournament & Dinner



Monday, July 25

Help is needed for the annual Golf Tournament. We need help with Sunday signups, finding prizes, and helping with the tournament itself. Check your bulletin, or contact Scott and Ginny Lummus, 770-649-5391 or gslummus@earthlink.net.

Prayer Partners

Our teens need your prayers. Won't you consider being a Prayer Partner? In just a minute of your time each day, you can pray for one particular teen in our church. For information, please contact Hale Sanders, 770-565-2719.

Summer Adult Christian Ed

Sunday Mornings, 9:30-10:15

The non-Pauline Epistles — the “other” books of the New Testament. With a little flexibility, we can enjoy learning about these “little” jewels of the New Testament and have a good time doing it. Each class will stand alone; we will base much of the class on the text from our various translations. The class will be taught by Bill Ivey. Please bring your Bible to class. Questions? Call him at 770-953-1928.

June 12 ... Introduction: When & Who: James, Peter & John

June 19 ... James (5 chapters)

June 26 ... First Peter (5 chapters)

July 3 *Independence Day Holiday*

July 10 Second Peter (3 chapters) & Jude (closely related to 2 Peter)

July 17 I John (3 chapters)

July 24 II & III John (1 chapter each)

July 31 Hebrews (13 chapters, we will just touch on this one)

Women's Bible Study



The Women's Bible Study group meets the **third Thursday of each month** from 6:30-8:00 in the Library. We will continue to learn about Jesus' life by watching *Jesus: The Complete Story* (a 3-part video series published by the BBC). This video documents Jesus' early years, His mission and final days using biblical texts as well as contemporary scholarship and science. This series will continue for our meeting on June 19. We will view a 50-minute segment of the video each month and have time for discussion after.

Light snacks, beverages, and childcare are provided. Please join us and feel free to invite a neighbor or friend. For more information or to sign up for childcare, please contact Elizabeth Lopez at 770-514-1482 or eslopez@comcast.net.

Congratulations to ...



Devon Leigh Blackshear
and
Joseph (Joe) Wendell Parker

Married at St. Catherine's on
Saturday, May 21.

Devon is the daughter of
Diane Blackshear-Wood.

- **Laura Manno** received the Merck Index Award from the College of Chemistry at Georgia Tech. This award is presented to a graduating senior in Chemistry and Biochemistry with an outstanding record in studies at Georgia Tech. Laura graduated this year with a B.S. in Chemistry and a minor in Music, with highest honors.
- **John Christian** received the President's Undergraduate Research Award and the Donnell Dutton Outstanding Senior Award from the Georgia Tech chapter of Sigma Gamma Tau, the national Aerospace Engineering Honor Society. John graduated from Tech this year with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering with highest honors.

When is your special day?

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



Letters

To Our St. Catherine's Family,

How many ways can one say "thank you" for the many blessings I have received from you while recuperating from my recent surgery? I'll try:

Many thanks to the Sonshine Committee for preparing and delivering the delicious meals to my house. Thanks to Susan Snape, deliverer. Thanks, too, for the lovely spring flowers from the altar, brought here by Jacqueline Hurley. And thanks, so much, for the many prayers and cards and notes I received. As always, people at St. Catherine's show their love, their caring, their readiness to help and their thoughtfulness to bring joy to others. What a nice Mother's Day!

It's not true that I scheduled 3 surgeries the past 2 years because of the home cooked meals. Well, maybe. Let's see, what should I have done next time?

*Love and Blessings,
Eileen Motter*

Dear Mrs. Barrington and St. Catherine's Church

... Thank you for being a catalyst for change through your donation of homemade fleece blankets. These blankets help to provide a sense of comfort to the kids in our care. We are grateful for your contribution to The Center for Children & Young Adults.

As you are aware, The Center operates two temporary emergency shelters for abused and neglected youth — Open Gate (ages birth to 11) and Another Chance (ages 12-17) The Center also operates a transitional living program for young adults, Turning point (ages 17-21). Throughout the operation of the three programs we serve more than 43 children, youth and young adults who are victims of abuse and neglect.

... On behalf of the children and youth at The Center, thank you again for your gift. We hope you enjoy this spring season and the beauty it brings.

*Sincerely,
Annette VanDevere
Executive Director*

Alleluia Fund for Mission

The AFM is an annual giving opportunity in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta to create a fund for the support of new parishes in the diocese. Historically, most of the increase in the size of our Church has been the result of planting new parishes. The Commission on Congregational Growth and Development has a plan for growth, and our Bishop is committed to growth, but new parishes often cost the Diocese \$3-500,000.

The Diocese asks every person, no matter how much or little they can contribute, to support this vital work of the Gospel. The AFM primarily focuses on the Easter season, but contributions are welcome year round. For information or to contribute online, visit www.afm2005.org.



Help us serve you

Please let the church know when you or a loved one has a medical procedure, an illness, a life transition, or other special need. We are here to serve you. Please allow us the opportunity to share your experience and offer our support.

Simply contact the church office at 770-971-2839. Thank you

Youth

Check the Youth page of the church website often for news!

Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email to stcatsyouths@bellsouth.net.

Parents — Nursery Help Needed Every Sunday!

Until we get a replacement worker in the nursery, I need volunteers on Sunday mornings, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. Please let me know when you will be able. I can be reached at 770-578-6634.

Thank you

Susan Roberts,
Church Nursery
Coordinator

YOUTH SUNDAY

May 22, 8:45 AM Service

Be there to support your fellow Youth serving in all capacities at this service — layreaders, ushers, sermon, music, and more.

Summer's Alive at Wednesday Nite Live



School will be out, but we'll have fun all summer long at Wednesday Night Live! We'll have a relaxed program of fellowship and fun with pool parties, music, and more great stuff. So each Wednesday Nite you're in town during the season, drop in at 7 PM.

VBS Help Wanted

All Youth — we want you!! Spend all or part of the week helping kids at this year's "Serengeti Trek" Vacation Bible School, mornings, July 11-15. Look for signup!

J2A Pilgrimage

► June 15-25

Please pray for our pilgrims while they make their voyage of discovery to England and Scotland.

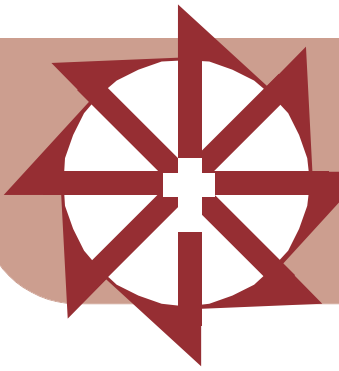
Sealed as Christ's own forever!

Pentecost 2005



Left — The altar party prepares;

Above— (1) the Parkers - Mikel, Dina, Chandler and new baby Preston; (2) Sherry with baptismal candidate Paul Partus; (3) Paul and his family; (4) George Alexander welcomes the newly baptized.



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Mark Your Calendars

- 5/22.... Inquirer's class,
Youth Sunday, last
day of Sunday
School, Parish Picnic
- 5/28.... Elizabeth Inn
- 5/30.... Memorial Day, office
closed
- 5/29.... Summer schedule
- 6/4..... Hors d'oeuvres
Competition
- 6/11-18 ...Companion Parish
trip
- 6/12.... Summer Chr. Ed.
begins
- 6/15-25 ...J2A Pilgrimage

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Elizabeth Inn

**Next date:
Saturday, May 28**

Saint Catherine's volunteers staff the Elizabeth Inn and provide dinner for the guests on the 28th of each month. If you would like to help with dinner please call Tracy Buckalew (770-956-9606) or Connie Bergeron (770-951-1411). To volunteer to stay overnight call Carolyn Hilley (770-973-8636) or Fred Massey (404-731-4466). Both tasks are very rewarding!



Summer schedule begins May 29



Sunday School concludes on May 22. The summer schedule for Sunday worship begins on May 29:

- Saturdays
5:30 PM — *Holy Eucharist*
- Sundays
7:30 AM — *Holy Eucharist*
8:45 AM — *Family Eucharist*
10:30 AM — *Holy Eucharist*

Church Nursery Worker Needed:

Individual must be 18 years or older; enjoy working with infants ages 0-5; have own transportation; reliable worker; able to work flexible hours; a team player. Background checks will be conducted. Experience working with infants a plus. This is a paid position. Contact Susan Roberts at 770-578-6634.