

The Wheel

SUMMER Heats Up at St. CAT's!



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Vacation Bible School

July 9-13, 9:30 am to noon — Sign up is available now at church.

All adults and youth with any interest in helping with VBS are needed! Any and all talents are welcome: Bible story time, music time, game time, snack time, art time & more!. Contact Susanne Muckeman at 678-560-0488 with questions or for additional information.

Acolyte Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner



Saturday, July 14, 6 PM — We need your help in raising money to send our acolytes to the National Convention in Washington D.C. this October. Don't worry, it will be painless and fun because we will be feeding you a Spaghetti dinner for your efforts! So please join us in the Parish Hall. Any and all donations will be accepted at the door.

Please make reservations by checking the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or signing up in the church lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lou Shannonhouse at 770-973-2840.

St. Cat's Night at Mountasia

Wednesday, July 18, 6:30 PM — Adults, youth and children, join us for miniature golf on at Mountasia, 175 Barrett Parkway, Marietta 30066. Cost is \$3.95 for a round (children 3 & under free), food is on your own. **Please RSVP By July 1,** check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890.

Hot time! Summer in the City...

July 25 - 29 — New Orleans, that is! If you're looking for a way to spend a few days in New Orleans this summer, plus help out with a variety of volunteer projects, look no further! St. Catherine's is planning a summer ministry trip to assist people in New Orleans with house construction, yard clearing and other chores, including assistance to St. George's. Please contact Paul Parisi at 404-315-8850 if you'd like to be involved with this trip.

Family Day at the Lake

Sunday, August 5 — Everyone is invited to Red Top Mountain State Park at Lake Allatoona for St. Catherine's Day at the Lake immediately following the 10:30 service. Please bring a picnic for your family. Frederick and Jennifer Massey will bring their boat for anyone who wants to take a ride. If you have a boat or other watercraft, please feel free to bring it.

We have reserved picnic shelter #7 on Red Top Mountain Road. Take I-75 north to exit #285. There will be a parking fee of \$3.00 per car unless you have an annual pass. We hope that you will join us for a fun day of fellowship. Please call Diane Sanders at 770-565-2719 or Frederick Massey at 770-955-0174 if you have questions.



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!

Office hours

The church office will be closed on July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.

Summer Sunday videos continue

July 22 & August 12 in the Parish Hall immediately after 8:45 service

Join us as we continue to explore videos from NOOMA.org and discuss their powerful message. For questions please contact Ash Gale.

Holy Baptism

Baptisms are next scheduled at St. Catherine's for All Saint's Sunday in the fall. If you are interested in a date before then, please contact our clergy for information. Check with the office for more information and to request the customary booklet about Holy Baptism.

No-Vacation Nation

It's fun to hear all the vacation plans swirling around the meeting spaces at St. Catherine's. With the July 4th holiday approaching, we seem to be moving into the height of vacation time. Joan and I have a week planned in early September for a beach trip with the kids and my sister and her family. I feel like some of the children I've talked to lately, I can't wait! It's made me think about what vacation is for each of us.

I love Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia. It beats those heavy books that my parents bought a little at a time so that we would have the latest knowledge at our fingertips. My, how things have changed! And so the other day I went to Wikipedia and looked up "vacation." This is what I found: *Vacation is a term used in English-speaking North America to describe a lengthy time away from work or school, a trip abroad, or simply a leisure trip away from home, such as a trip to the beach that lasts several days or longer.*

Well, this is pretty much what I knew, I thought. But then I noticed that they listed the minimum vacation time around the world. They listed the United States as the "No Vacation Nation." As I read further:

... the United States is the only advanced economy that does not guarantee its workers any paid vacation or holidays. As a result, 1 in 4 U.S. workers do not receive any paid vacation or paid holidays. The lack of

paid vacation and paid holidays in the U.S. is particularly acute for lower-wage and part-time workers, and for employees of small businesses.

I wonder! Do we take our vacations for granted? I suppose in a sense we do. I wasn't surprised to learn that we are the only advanced economy not to give vacation to 25% of our people. But I was saddened at two levels. First and foremost I'm sad for those among us who can't go to the beach for a week because they do not have the resources, either time or money. And I'm sad for those of us who can because I'm afraid I take it for granted that at the end of a long summer in 2007 I can go for a week to the beach. Or maybe worse, I feel it's a right?! Ouch!

I wonder how many of us will leave on vacation and take it for granted? I wonder how many of us will suffer through a long hot summer and months to come and not see any re-creation time ahead?

May your vacations both be safe and blessed. And during your time away be sure to stop and give thanks to God for the gift of vacation and remember those who are not as fortunate. And if you're not on vacation or won't be taking vacation, come to church and celebrate the Sabbath, the gift of rest God has given each of us to celebrate on the seventh day.



Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, James, Natalie May, William Fleming, Dianne Blackshear-Wood, Donna Arrants, Frank Lavar, Ed, Courtney, Amy Morris, Davin McCanny, Bill Fisher, Tom Greger, Risa Maier, Justin, Fran Coraggio, Jean Hampton, Carol Cox, Jane Dituero, Harry Murphy, Gracie Mountainlion, Lois Liverman, Barbara Eberhardt Ryan, Bebe, Christopher Repotski, Brandon, Barbara, Sarah Forsyth, Javier, Tom Carter, Carla von Hoffmann, Bob Blaske, Charles Loewy, Eileen Motter, Judy Harrison, Taylor Baumann, Shiela Hamilton, Wes,

Joshua, Anne Betts, Larry Boyd, Trevor Kiefer, Ethel Jane Blaske, Arlyn Cook, Kathi Wagner, Jane Silvers, Mother Mitzi, Pat Brent, Pamela Anderson, Hugh Webb, Mildred Webb, Gene Ruggiero, Joanne Hawks

Before Surgery

Mary Daneke, 6/27/07

Deceased

Walter Helm, father of Katie Nixon's friend

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.

Prayers of the People

(6/24/07) Brian, Rebecca & Kelsey West; Natalie, Marilyn & Nat Whitlow; Anne Whittle; Brian & Jana Williams; Anthony, Margaret, Bryan & Chris Wilson

(7/1/07) Debora & Christopher Winters, Taylor Grzegorzewski; Steve, Rose, Melissa, Nick & Tyler Wolfe; Dianne Blackshear-Wood; Bill & Rujeania Woods; George & Charlene Wyatt



Vestry Notes

From the June 19 Vestry meeting:

- Wednesdays will be “Audit Work Days” — Rosemary Wolfe will be focused solely on audit preparations.
- The software package, “Minister Scheduler Pro” is being considered for use.
- On the first Sunday in August [Aug. 5], pens will be given out to the congregation to use to invite others to visit St. Catherine’s.
- Thank you to the Diocesan Council delegates: Bill Bowden, Susan Jablonski, Al Jones, Elaine Krupp and Margaret Shaw. Alternates are Sally Powers and Joyce Hendricks.
- A search committee is being formed for Associate Rector.

See the “Cradle of Christianity” Exhibit

An important traveling exhibition entitled “Cradle of Christianity” is now at the Michael C. Carlos Museum of Emory University. We are planning a group trip to the exhibition and want to know how many people would be interested. When we have a feel of the number of people we’ll propose some dates. Groups of ten or more receive discount admission. Adult group tickets are \$13.50 each. Group tours include use of the audio guide. Please call the office to let us know your interest or fill out the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin.

Organized by The Israel Museum, Jerusalem, “Cradle of Christianity” explores the concurrent histories of early Christian and Jewish life through some of the most significant biblical artifacts ever found, including a section of the Temple Scroll, a major Dead Sea Scroll. Other highlights include the burial ossuary of Caiaphas the High Priest who, according to the

New Testament, delivered Jesus to the Romans, and an inscription bearing the name of Pontius Pilate.

These artifacts represent the only surviving physical testimonies of these two prominent figures. “Cradle of Christianity” features a full-scale reconstruction of the chancel of a Byzantine-era church and other remains of excavated synagogues, churches, and religious sites, such as capitals, mosaics, and marble furnishings, dedicatory inscriptions, and liturgical objects.

The Carlos Museum has partnered with Emory University’s esteemed Candler School of Theology, Department of Religion, and Institute for Jewish Studies to produce a free audio guide and to present special programming around this unprecedented exhibition. These initiatives are part of Emory’s commitment to build bridges of understanding that make a difference in the world.



Planned Giving to be explored

The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in good health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.

– *Book of Common Prayer, p. 445*

Dear friends:

During the past few years St. Catherine’s has received several generous bequests and memorials. So far, our endowment is not large, but it is a reminder that:

- We will likely be beneficiaries of additional bequests; and
- We have no formal process for accepting bequests, acknowledging donors, or managing funds. (Currently, funds are invested in bank CDs.)

A small working group has been established to look into Planned Giving at St. Catherine’s. We are reviewing background information provided by the Diocese and The Episcopal Foundation, and we hope to develop recommendations for the Vestry to consider in the fall. Part of the process will involve communicating with parishioners about why we need to do something, and how a framework for obtaining and acknowledging bequests might work. It will also include recommendations to the Vestry for appropriate governance of funds placed in our trust.

We hope that an additional benefit will be to provide information (and perhaps a little encouragement) for members to make “prudent provision” as quoted above from the rubric for a Service of Thanksgiving after Childbirth.

If anyone is interested in helping with our background work this summer, or if you have questions or comments, please contact Bill Bowden at 770-998-3953 or Bbowden5@bellsouth.net.

Camp Mikell Golf Tournament/ Fundraiser

The fourth annual Mikell Camp and Conference Center Golf Tournament Fundraiser tees off at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Providence Golf Club in Monroe. The entrance fee this year is \$150 per golfer and the tournament will be best ball. Sign up early to secure a spot—if you can't play you can always be a sponsor!! For golfer registration and sponsor forms, contact Diocesan Youth Coordinator Kim Smith, ksmith@episcopalatlanta.org or 404-601-5354.

Be sure to see it

Bill Moyers interviewed Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori on his PBS program broadcast on June 8. You can read a transcript and view the video on the web at www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/06082007/profile3.html



Paths Crossing + Celebrating 400 years

While our 2007 Companion Parish trip to Whiterocks, Utah, has been postponed until 2008, we do have an opportunity to join with St. Elizabeth's in celebrating 400 years of the Episcopal Church's Native American ministries and The Second Decade of Remembrance, Recognition, and Reconciliation.

These events will be held at Colonial Williamsburg, the Williamsburg Lodge, Historic Jamestown, Bruton Parish Church, and St. Martin's Church, over the three day period from November 1 to 3, and will include the Jamestown Commemorative Eucharist on November 1 along with the Paths Crossing Conference on November 2 and 3. The following outlines the present schedule of events:

- Oct. 31 - Travel to Newport News, Virginia
 - Arrive in Williamsburg, Virginia
 - Hotel check-in
- Nov. 1 - Registration at the Colonial Williamsburg Lodge
 - Transportation provided to Jamestown for "Celebrating the Past"
 - Eucharist at the Historic Jamestown Chapel celebrated by Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori along with Native American Bishops Carol Gallagher (Cherokee), Michael Smith (Potawatomi), Steven Charleston (Cherokee) acting as Co-Celebrants
 - Return to Williamsburg for a reception at Colonial Williamsburg Lodge including a gala dinner with special guests
- Nov. 2 - Two-day Paths Crossing Conference begins at Bruton Parish Hall: "Assessing the Present and Planning the Future"
- Nov. 3 - Paths Crossing Conference Continues
 - Lunch, Closing Eucharist and Dinner at Bruton Parish Hall
- Nov. 4 - Return to Atlanta

Accommodations and Fees:

Rooms are available at the Williamsburg Lodge @ \$240 per night and The Woodlands Inn for \$135.00 per night. For reservations, please call 1-800-447-8679 and use group code: DOMB07A. The conference fee is \$100 which covers conference meetings, transportation to and from the historic Jamestown Chapel, lunches on Nov. 2 and 3 and dinners on November 1, 2 and 3. The Outreach Committee intends to offer financial support to interested trip participants, the exact nature of which has yet to be determined.

Please call Paige and Dale Schlenker (770-993-4507) should you have questions or need any additional information.

Letters

To St. Catherine's,
 About three weeks ago I fell in my garage and fractured my patella bone (knee bone) and I was instructed not to allow any weight-bearing on this leg for at least two weeks. My dear friend and neighbor, Karolyn [Olliffe], brought me one of your wheelchairs to use during my recovery from your church. It was a life saver! Especially since the crutches were painful under the arms. First, I was surprised that your church had such items to offer those in need and I immediately informed my mosque's board member to request such items to be available to our members as well. I have really appreciated this wheelchair and greatly appreciate the assistance in gaining my strength in my leg again. I am walking now and I just wanted Karolyn and the staff to know how thankful I am to have great friends as you all are. May God Bless each and every one of you!

Fondly,
 Karen Katoot



The word from the Finance Committee

This is the first of what we plan to be a monthly, easy-to-read, high lights only report on the state of St. Catherine's finances. This month it is a "Good News - Bad News" report.

Good News first -

1. Faith Builds (our first capital campaign) has been closed out. We had an amount equal to 78% of our pledges given during the campaign period. This compares favorably to the bank's estimate of 75% for most churches' capital campaigns and several parishioners are still completing their pledges.
2. Faithful Mission (our current capital campaign) is doing well enough that we are able to pay our mortgage principal down this month by an additional \$35,000. We have been able to do this twice before and our principal has been reduced by over \$100,000 so far.
3. Our Expenses so far this year are 3% lower than budget.
4. Our income is 3% higher than last year.

However - The Bad News -

1. Our Income so far this year is 8% behind budget mostly in pledge income.
2. Our expenditures so far this year have exceeded our income by a little over \$1,000. True, this is not yet a large sum. It is also true that during the summer we

usually outspend our income and we catch up in the fall. However, this is the earliest that we have ever fallen behind.

So the message is -

1. We are currently in good financial shape.
2. Our mortgage future is developing well.
3. It is very important that we meet our pledges during the summer so our deficit does not get out of hand.
4. And it is important to continue our support of Faithful Mission so our future mortgage payments will be easier to handle.

For those who enjoy the numbers:

	Budget to Date	Actual to Date
Income	\$299,128	\$275,043
Expense	\$284,342	\$276,050

Thank all of you for your continued financial support for God's work at St. Catherine's.

Tom Hunter and the Finance Committee

This month St. Catherine's Ministry Focus celebrates the life and work of our Financial Resources Ministry Team. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact team convenor Rod Pope.

"Praying for Pars" Golf Outings

Next date: July 8



Join us for our next summer golf outing We'll go to the 7:30am service together, then eat breakfast, before heading out to a 10:00am tee time. Each person is responsible for paying for their own greens fees.

Just confirm your participation by the Sunday one week before each golf outing. We will make reservations for enough four-somes to cover who has registered. Please e-mail Walt McGill at wsmcgill@aol.com or call him at 770-971-8890.

We are planning to have these "Praying for Pars" golf outings on the second Sunday of each month through September. We will use e-mail to communicate the logistics. We look forward to some great fellowship together playing golf, regardless of whether you are "praying for pars" or "eyeing some eagles" or "trying for triples"..... See you there!!!

Elizabeth Inn

Next Date: Thursday, June 28

Thank you to Carol Starr for overnighing May 28 at Elizabeth Inn. PLEASE NOTE: Carol Starr was our only person overnighing at Elizabeth Inn on May 28th. **We urgently need volunteers to overnight June 28, July 28, etc.** Please e-mail Fred Massey and Connie Bergeron if you are available, f_massey2AThotmail.com; conniebATmindspring.com.

Many thanks also to our Dinner providers and servers at Elizabeth Inn/MUST on the 28th: Sybil Coote, Karen Blakey, Joni House and Judith Phillips. Sybil said the four of them "rocked" and serving dinner was a blessing to all. Applause, applause!

Thursday, June 28, is our next night to provide dinner and serve at Elizabeth Inn. Please let us know if you are available to assist. The experience of providing a delicious and nutritious dinner for 50-60 people who need good food is one that will warm your heart, and we hope you and your family will consider volunteering.

Letters

Hope this finds you and all our dear friends at St. Catherine's well. I wanted to thank you again for inviting Mitri and myself to St. Catherine's while we were in Atlanta. It was such a pleasure to meet you and spend time with you and your congregation. Thank you as well for your generous gifts and honorarium, we are so grateful for your partnership in making hope a reality in Bethlehem.

As a follow-up to our conversation, I wanted to share some information regarding the Bright Stars Academy summer camp for children and youth. As we discussed, this would be a great opportunity for exchange and service for the youth of St. Catherine's to visit Bethlehem and interact with our Bright Stars kids, and we would be honored to welcome your youth in Bethlehem. We hold the camp every summer in July, and the kids are involved in a variety of arts, sports, music and communications clubs every summer; this year we have over 40 such clubs! You can find more info. at www.annadwa.org/brightstars/academy.htm. I'd be happy to help arrange a trip for St. Catherine's youth, please let me know if there is any additional info I can provide at this time as we take the next steps in this exciting exchange.

We also wanted to share with you the good news that construction at Dar Al-Kalima College has now begun! ... Mitri also asked me to share with you some information regarding a unique opportunity to help support Dar Al-Kalima College. We are looking to several congregation to partner with us in building an international and inter-denominational "Ecumenical pavilion" at the College to serve as a home for staff and professors at the College. [Below] is a letter from Mitri about this special opportunity. If this is something you think St. Catherine's might be interested in supporting, I'm happy to send along additional information on the specifics. It would be wonderful to see the youth of St. Catherine's help dedicate an office for our director of youth ministry next summer!

Again, thank you so much for your hospitality and for your generous support of our ministries.

Blessings!

*Erin M. Wright, US Coordinator, Bright Stars of Bethlehem, NFP
www.brightstarsbethlehem.org, www.annadwa.org*

Dear Friends of St. Catherine's,

Salaam from Bethlehem.

First of all, we would like to thank you for your commitment to our ministry here in Bethlehem. Your commitment motivates us to turn to you again asking for your support to a meaningful new project that we are launching to bring Bethlehem hope at a time of despair.

The project we refer to is the construction of the Dar al-Kalima College campus on Mount Murair in Bethlehem. Dar al-Kalima College, specializing in fine arts and multimedia, has a mission to cultivate talent, communicate hope and

create new opportunities for the young and talented in Palestine. For the Academic Years 2006/2007 and 2007/2008, the International Center of Bethlehem is hosting the College administration and students on its premises, but as the College's programs increase and the number of its students rises, the allotted space shall not be adequate by 2008. Therefore, we are launching a fundraising campaign to build a specialized building that will house the studios, workshops, classrooms, library, administration, as well as the entire infrastructure necessary for a fine arts and multimedia college.

Youth

News from GIPL

GEORGIA INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT, WWW.GIPL.ORG

- The GIPL Book Club will meet on July 21 from 10am to noon (location TBA) to discuss "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson. Check out our latest issue of *Green Light* for more information (www.gipl.org/greenlight.html).

- Georgia Conservancy's Common Ground Conference Sept. 6-7 focuses on the environmental impacts of energy production and use, climate change, energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy in Georgia and ways you can reduce energy use where you are. For more information visit gaconservancy.org.

- Outreach opportunity: LIGHT BULB SWAPS — Georgia Power has donated 3500 compact fluorescent light bulbs for GIPL congregations to distribute to low-income communities. If you are involved with a low-income community, housing project, or other organization in need of energy-efficient money-saving bulbs, we'd love to work with you to get them CFLs.

- **Pilgrimage 2007: Ciao, Bella!**

The pilgrimage returned home on June 4th after a great 9 days in Italy! The trip was a huge success and everyone had an amazing time. Here is one of our reflections:

"After spending several nights in two different hotels it became quite a shock to us when we arrived at the villa run by nuns. The experience would be a different one because took a vow of silence during the day, so since you guys know our group, silence is unheard of. An hour and a half after our arrival in Florence, we all sat down to dinner prepared by the nuns. During the dessert part of the dinner, we had gelato. We named our special gelato "nun cream." Our whole group thought it was hilarious, so four of us decided to put on a commercial about "nun cream." At the time, we were very scared of the nuns, so the commercial really uplifted the whole mood of the group. After having some bonding time, we all went to bed for some much needed sleep."

Check out our pictures and other journal entries on the Youth page of our website, www.stcatherines.org!

- **New Orleans Trip: July 25-29**

Any youth age 16 and older is invited to join St. Catherine's for a trip to New Orleans this July. "We are heading back to New Orleans on Wednesday, July 25th and returning on Sunday, July 28th. We are planning to help with several projects: Clearing yards, Respite Care - handing out supplies to people in St. Bernard Parish, helping rebuild houses with Project Hope, and whatever else we can find. When we went over Spring Break, we realized that we can make a difference. This is another opportunity to do it again. Come join us!!!" -Liz Rea
If you are interested, please contact Amelia at 770-971-2839 or AmeliaATstcatherines.org. Thanks!

- **Summer WNL, get ready!**



On **Wednesday July 11** we will have a special Summer WNL from 6:30-8:30pm. We will have dinner, music, games and some fun surprise activities!
Come join us!

Dear Friends (cont'd from page 6)

We are seeking many partners from several countries and continents to help us in this project. As a partner, we look to you to sponsor a part of the building and specifically a faculty or administration office in the

"Ecumenical Pavilion" section of the building. We shall have 30 offices, each of which shall cost \$20,000 USD (\$15,000 USD for construction and \$5,000 USD for furniture). This is a huge project and the only way to realize it is to divide it to smaller sections so that partners from many countries can take small pieces to help us to realize this part of the project. We believe that the campus of Dar al-Kalima College should reflect the care that the world has for Bethlehem and its future generations.

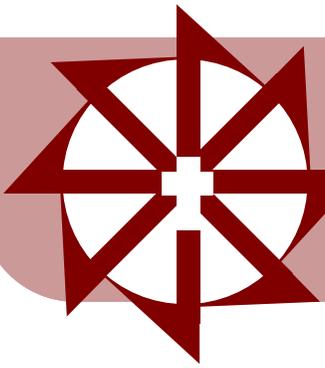
In recognition of your support, a plaque with the name of your organization, church & country shall be placed on the outside door of the office you donate. We shall send you regular updates on the construction activity as well as the academic development of the College.

We would like to thank you in advance for your friendship and support for this worthwhile project. Without the generosity of partners like you, forces that spread hopelessness and death flourish. We sincerely hope that you will be present with us for the dedication of the building once it is finished.

In friendship and great appreciation for your donation and support.

Sincerely

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, President, Dar al-Kalima College www.daralkalima.edu.ps



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Mark Your Calendars

- 6/24 Sunday video series
- 6/24-7/1 Women's Spirituality trip to SD
- 6/28 Elizabeth Inn
- 7/4 Independence Day, office closed
- 7/8 Golf outing
- 7/9-13. VBS
- 7/14 Acolyte Fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner
- 7/15 Luncheon & Fashion Show
- 7/18 St. Cat's @ Mountasia
- 7/25-29 N.O. mission trip

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Support Breast Cancer Walk

A group of women from St. Catherine's (Lee Ann Sherry, Paddy Philpotts, Maureen Donoghue, Michael & Caroline Paris, Gina Baumann) will be participating in the 2 day Breast Cancer Walk in September. Each walker must raise \$1000 to participate. We have two fund raisers we would like to ask your help with:

- **Used Cell Phone Collection**

Please bring any used **cell phones, PDAs, or laptops** (any age or condition) and put in the collection box in the church foyer.



Luncheon & Fashion Show Sunday, July 15

Please join us on Sunday, July 15, at 12 noon, after the 10:30 service for a luncheon & fashion show with the latest styles from Coldwater Creek! Additionally, raffle tickets will be sold for prizes throughout the luncheon. Tickets are \$11 and can be purchased from any of the Walk participants. Tickets will be on sale before and after services on July 1 & July 8 and on the day of the luncheon. Please join us!

Easy Help for the Big Easy!

Stuffed animal/book collection

Since Hurricane Katrina St. Catherine's has been involved in recovery efforts in the city of New Orleans, namely through our connection with St. George's Episcopal Church. Many of the opportunities to help involve actually going to New Orleans, however, this summer we have an easy way to help our brothers and sisters in the Big Easy. When the youth visited New Orleans over Holy Week one need that touched our hearts was for donations of new or gently used stuffed animals and books.

Now through July 22, bring your new or gently used stuffed animals and books to the two collection boxes (one in the foyer and one outside Amelia's office) labeled "New Orleans Stuffed Animals and Books." Your donations will be taken to New Orleans during the July trip (July 25-29). If you want to help out with the drive or have any questions please contact Amelia at 770-971-2839.

