



# The Wheel

## Youth House Announced

It is now official... The Vestry has approved the construction of a St. Catherine's Youth House! If you exit the Parish Hall out the back doors and cross the parking lot, you will notice four stakes attached by a pink string. This is the general area where we plan to build the house. The civil and electrical engineers have been engaged as well as Randy Young, our architect from the recently completed addition. Special thanks to Brian O'Toole who has designed a wonderful building. Final plans are almost complete.

Once we obtain a building permit (hopefully in the next 45 days) things will start moving. This will be a building project in the style of Habitat For Humanity, so sharpen your chain saws, dust off your hammers and be ready to help St. Catherine's give our youth a place they can call their own!

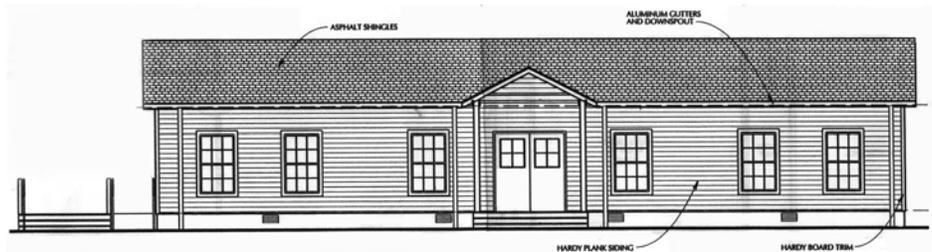
The funds for this project are being donated by parishioners. For inquiries or desire to help please contact Frederick Massey, [f\\_massey2@hotmail.com](mailto:f_massey2@hotmail.com) or 404.731.4466, or John Rea, [jreahawk@bellsouth.net](mailto:jreahawk@bellsouth.net) or 770.971.0883

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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!*



ST. CATHERINES YOUTH HOUSE - FRONT ELEVATION

## Wednesday Night Live!

### begins September 19

Wednesday Night Live (WNL), formerly known as Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays (WWW), resumes on Wednesday, September 19. This is a time for the community to gather for some food and fellowship; education and conversation; meetings and practice. You are invited to come for supper and stay for adult, youth and children's programs. You are invited to come for supper and go on to your choir practice, group reunion, Stephen Ministry relationship, group meeting, etc. You are invited to come for supper, enjoy the conversation and head home.

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## Office Schedule

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3, for the Labor Day holiday. Have a safe and blessed weekend!

## Happy Back-to-School!

Congratulations to all those beginning their school year now or soon. We are putting together a bulletin board of all your First Day Of School photos. If you have a photo print to share -- any grades from preschool to college, etc. -- please bring it to the collection box near the mailboxes in the workroom.

## Holy Baptism

**Next Date: Oct. 14**

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

## Serving the Kingdom

I was struck on Sunday by the level of energy and joy that filled the Parish Hall to overflowing as we celebrated Rally Day and our annual Ministry Fair. It had been a long weekend with Vestry Retreat occupying the bulk of Saturday, but nonetheless everyone was engaged with enthusiasm in the prospect of the coming year. I was particularly impressed by the creativity with which our various ministries presented themselves. Whether it was food or posters or sign-up sheets or bulletin board preparations or announcements of coming events, there was a powerful ownership for the ministry we offer in service to one another and to God's kingdom.

As the event went on inside the Parish Hall, the back lawn was filled with laughing and yelling kids jumping in a dinosaur. Several men were cooking over a hot grill on even a hotter day to serve up hamburgers and hotdogs to eager adults, youth and children. And they all seemed to be having a good time as they served one another. I believe we even worked off some of our extraordinary inventory of soda.

I stood at the back of the Parish Hall and watched several men, youth and a woman or two work together to layout the perimeter of the new Youth House to be built this fall. I felt a sense of pride and joy as I saw the seriousness with which they approached the task but also confidence in the sheer fact that they did so within a congregation that supports our youth and sees

such support as another way we serve the kingdom.

I wrote to a friend recently about the life and times at St. Catherine's after he asked how things were in our life together. He wrote back and said this: "St. Catherine's has so much to look forward to, and so much to give with regard to serving the Kingdom." We are often tempted to forget that what we do and how we do it in a congregation is just that our attempt to serve the kingdom. No task is too small, no ministry insignificant, no challenge not worth our very best when it comes to serving God and one another in the kingdom. I hope we will accept this challenge as we move into this new season of ministry together.

The Vestry met on Saturday and began to envision this new season. They developed a purpose statement and a process to help us as a congregation look at our life together over the next 12-14 months. This process will help us celebrate who we are and identify who we are to become. I could not be more pleased about the process or confident in your leadership. A Vestry member observed about the day: "I have never been on a vestry where everyone gave their input, listened to others and worked so well together as we did on Saturday." For such a varied group, we have melded in a very short period of time. I feel very blessed to be part of it and feel St. Catherine's will benefit greatly from it...

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## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Natalie May, William Fleming, Frank Lavar, Ed, Courtney, Justin, Fran Coraggio, Sharon Parisi, Barbara Eberhardt Ryan, Gene Ruggiero, Jeremy & family, Esther Hill, Jane Frothingham, Harry Hall, Todd Denton, John Jaeger, Valerie Shields, Susan, Barbara, Courtney, Anne, Diane, Bennett, Steve Boyce, Jacqueline DeLorme, Jimmy DeLorme, Catherine Moore, Matthew Phillips, Cliff, Betty & Ryan Tyler, Glen, Janet Wheeler, Sarah, Julia, Joyce Fannon, Amy Senn, Oliver Mosier, Page Loyd,

Paul Horton, Elissa Huffstetler, Tyler Wolfe, Brice O'Neill, Mary Hopkins, Laura Lenaeus, Kathleen Williams, David Shannonhouse, Mark Gross, Dixie Redfoot, Peggy Duryea, Hope Alexander, Deborah Hurd, Jimmy Parker, Margaret Bishop & her husband Arlen, Isaac Sanchez, Dorothy Riley, George Wyatt

### Deceased

William Crawford, friend of Susan Roberts; Bill Johnson, Ron & Julie Brannock's neighbor's father; Valerie Mitchell, Andy Mitchell's aunt

### Before Surgery

Dianne Blackshear-Wood, September 4

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(8/26/07)** Rick, Tracy, Kate & Clay Buckalew; Paul & Valerie Buxton; George & Marilyn Cain; Jana Caldwell & John Behunin; Lou Cappiello

**(9/2/07)** Cyrille, Courtney & Amelie Cardona; Doug, Katie, Nicholas, Elizabeth & Timothy Carswell; Joyce Carter; Richard & Linda Carter; Nancy Cash

## New Orleans Trips

- Sept. 12-16
- Dec. 5-9

Won't you consider one (or both!) of these trips to help the people of New Orleans? Sign up now on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin. Please contact Paul Parisi, 404-315-8850, for information.

## Next Golf Outing

**Sunday, Sept. 9**

Join us for our last summer golf outing. Contact Walt McGill at wsmcgill AT aol.com or 770-971-8890 by September 2 to reserve. Let's go to the 7:30am service together, then have breakfast and head to a 10:00 am tee time. Golfers are responsible for their own fees.



## Report from your Vestry



### On Retreat

Your Vestry met August 18 for a summer retreat. This meeting was a prayerful and lively discussion to identify the process we will follow to discern our future path together.

The purpose of this process is to:

- Celebrate what is going well in our shared ministry
- Listen to each other (vestry, rector, congregation, and community) in order to deepen our relationship and enhance communication
- Identify what needs attention and change
- Renew our life together as the Body of Christ by establishing goals and priorities for the coming years.

We hope to complete this work no later than the end of 2008. Assignments were made to investigate methods and resources to assess parish life, community needs, and our mutual ministry. You can look forward to more details as they become available. We are excited about this process and look forward to identifying where God will lead us.

## Cursillo Weekend

*Seek And Ye Shall Find* — From Thursday evening, Sept. 27, through the afternoon of Sept. 30, Cursillo Weekend will be held at Camp Fortson in Hampton, Georgia. **You are invited** to consider this unique opportunity. The cost is \$125 and scholarships are available.

The Cursillo weekend is a special time that accomplishes two goals. Cursillo is intended to help Christians learn and live what is fundamental as a Christian as well as to help these same Christians discover and live out a personal vocation. It is a weekend that confirms and affirms present faith and leads participants to strengthen their present Christian lives. Many persons have found this weekend life changing.

The deadline for the application process is Sept. 20. Many past participants of Cursillo would be happy to talk with you about the weekend. You may also contact: Father Jim, Carla von Hoffmann (404) 213-7408 and Rick/Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609. Christ is counting on you!

## Pictorial Directory



### Project Coordinator needed

Having an up-to-date pictorial directory makes it so much easier to "remember" someone's name when you can see their picture in that handy booklet. It's also a very hospitable way to help newcomers learn who we are. It's time for a refreshed St. Catherine's pictorial directory!

We would like to schedule the photo shoots for the spring of 2008. If you are interested in helping to organize and coordinate this opportunity, please contact Joan Nixon, 770-977-2525.

## Serving (cont'd)

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Amen! St. Catherine's: Serving God, God's Kingdom, and one another. Invite your friends to come and see! Let us serve them.



## The word from The Finance Committee

This month's easy to read highlights report on the state of St. Catherine's finances is not so easy to read. In June pledges came in over budget for the month. In July they came in substantially below budget and below July last year. The result is that we are overspending our income by more than we would like. We need to catch up in the fall and we usually do. Please give prayerful thought to your contributions. Thank you all! Highlights –

1. Faithful Mission continues strong. We have now prepaid an additional \$125,000 of our mortgage, which will save us interest and lower our debt.
2. Our expenses so far this year continue to be 3% lower than budget.
3. Our year-to-date income is 2% higher than last year, down from 4.5% ahead of 2006 last month. However, we are still 6% (or \$25,000) below budget year to date.
4. Our expenditures so far this year have exceeded our income by a little over \$14,000. Although we usually fall behind in the summer this is higher than expected. We have the reserve funds to cover the shortage until the fall but now is the time to catch up.
5. We are currently in good financial shape, but it is very important that we increase our income this fall.

For those who enjoy the numbers:

|                | <u>Budget to Date '07</u> | <u>Actual to Date '07</u> | <u>Actual to Date '06</u> |
|----------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>  | \$395,388.35              | \$370,009.79              | \$361,948.83              |
| <b>Expense</b> | \$395,229.43              | \$384,032.62              | \$368,300.62              |

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

*Tom Hunter and the Finance Committee*

## Beer, Brats, and Blues!

**Saturday, Aug. 25  
6-10 PM**

Join us for a fundraiser for the Atlanta 2 Day Breast Cancer Walk featuring the band, "The Greasy Spoons." At the Meadow Grove Clubhouse, 2850 Meadow Grove Way, Marietta, GA 30067. Donation is \$30 per ticket or \$35 at the door. All money raised goes to the Walk.



## Habitat For Humanity

### Build underway; accolades for August 18th catering

See photos on page 6! St. Catherine's provided breakfast and lunch for week one of construction on the Habitat for Humanity house we are co-building this year. Our volunteers were treated to a yummy continental breakfast of coffee, orange juice, home made muffins and doughnuts, thanks to our very early risers Beth Sandoval and Sybil Coote, who were in west Cobb by 7:30 am.

Lunch was especially delicious: chicken salad sandwiches, ham and cheese sandwiches, salad, pasta salad, potato chips, fresh fruit, pound cake, and lots of water and beverages, thanks to Meg and Larry

Boyd, Paddy and Keely Phillpotts, Bettye Harris, Ron and Connie Bergeron, and Fred and Jennifer Massey, who supplied extra water, Gatorade and ice. Bravo and job well done, team!

Great progress was made this day, the walls are all up. On August 25 we plan to get the trusses up and at least one course of decking on.

We need many workers every Saturday, so please sign up to help build one or more days. We are also responsible for food again on Sept. 15 and Oct. 13. Look for the table at the church entrance to sign up or check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin. Please contact Tom Snead at 678-795-9508 or Connie Bergeron at 770-951-1411 for more information.

## Wednesday Night Live begins Sept. 19

### WNL Schedule

Dinner served..... 5:45 - 6:30 pm  
 Youth Choir Practice ..... 6:15 - 7:30 pm  
 Programs for adults, youth & children  
 ..... 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
 Adult Choir Practice ..... 7:30 - 8:45 pm  
 Taize Worship..... 7:30 - 7:45 pm

### Foyers Dinner Groups



#### Kickoff Dinner Sept. 15

Do you like to...  
 Eat good food?  
 Meet new  
 friends? Or re-  
 connect with old ones? Foyers, or Dinner Groups, is a great way to meet and socialize with fellow parishioners outside of a church setting. Sign up now on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin, or contact Maureen Donoghue, Georgiadonoghues@comcast.net, or Joan Nixon, joan0813@bellsouth.net.

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We are making some schedule changes this year. We listened to your input and heard clearly that people would find the evening more family friendly if we are done by 7:30 pm. So we are going to work on the above schedule.

When we hire a new assistant rector we will add a special young families programming time from 5:00 - 5:45 pm. This will hopefully be an addition in January.

The food each week, as previously announced, will be a catered meal from a selection of several well-known restaurants. The meal will cost \$5 per person, not to exceed \$15 per family. Selections from Williamson Brothers, Moe's Southwest, The Joyful Diner, etc. will ensure that there is something for everyone in the family. As has been our tradition, we will have PBJ available for little folks.

#### ⇒ Help needed!

We still need people who are willing to help us pick-up food, set-up the Parish Hall, and clean-up each evening. Why not make all of our work light by offering another set of hands? Sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or call the office.



#### Adult Program: *Lights, Camera... Faith!*

Our adult programming on Wednesday evenings this fall will bring faith and life together in a unique approach to our Sunday lectionary. Each Wednesday evening we will look at the next Sunday's Gospel through the lens of a particular movie that highlights themes or issues emphasized in the Gospel. Obviously with only an hour we will not watch the entire movie but will look at various scenes and themes reflecting the Gospel reading. We will have an opportunity to view the scenes, discuss reflection questions and engage in dialogue between Scripture and film as well as engage our faith through culture and culture through faith. It might even help Sunday's preacher shape the sermon.

We will announce the name of the movies in an upcoming issue of *The Wheel* and at our first meeting on September 19 so that for those who wish to view the entire film before Wednesday night they may do so.

Each week will propose practical points for reflection, conversation and personal growth in addition to insightful film analysis. We hope to introduce serious and respectful conversation between the life of faith and our 21st century culture. *Lights, Camera... Faith!* provides both a model and a method for a deep and rich media literacy movement among all Christian denominations.

*Lights, Camera... Faith!*

## Ministry Focus: Liturgy & Music

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Liturgy and Music Ministry Team. The groups in this team include Acolytes, Adult and Youth Choirs, Altar Guild, the new Needlework Brigade, Flower Guild, Funeral Coordinator, JuBiLaTe Music Team, Lay Readers, Youth Readers, Chalice Bearers, Ushers, Wedding Coordinators. To find out more or get involved with their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact convenor Gail McGill.

## Marriage Journey Groups Forming



### Conversation Dinner Sunday, Sept. 9 , 7-9 PM

Sign up on Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin.

Marriage Journey on GO! It was exciting when our first 4 couples approached Susan and me to participate in our Marriage Journey Conversation Dinner on September 9. We both witnessed the enthusiasm that we anticipated from couples interested in the program.

We hope many others will join this meaningful search for relationship joy. Just sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry form in your bulletin, or call the church office. See you there!

Colleen Morich

## Choir begins

We welcome you! Please join us for rehearsals every Wednesday night (see starting dates below). There is no audition, and sight-reading ability is not required.

**Youth Choir** — Rehearsals are 6:15 to 7:30 PM beginning August 29. We welcome all young people (boys who still have treble voices and all girls) from second through tenth grade. We sing at the 8:45 service each Sunday. If you have questions, please contact Director Martha Bowden.

**Adult Choir** — If you saw us on Rally Day, you know that we love to sing and have some fun, too! Rehearsals are 7:30 to 8:45 PM beginning September 5. We sing at 11:15 service each Sunday. Please talk to Director Brian Williams, Organist Jana Williams, or any choir member to find out more.

## Let's go to the game!

### Family Braves Game outing, Sept. 23!

The Braves play the Milwaukee Brewers starting at 1:05pm. You are encouraged to attend the 8:45 family service, then we will head to the game after Sunday School. The tickets are \$10 each and will be in the Upper Box section which spans from 1st base - 3rd base via around home plate. The tickets will be purchased as a group package so the St. Cat's group will all be together.

If interested please sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Scott Lummus, [gslummus@earthlink.net](mailto:gslummus@earthlink.net), or 770.649.5391.

**Sign up by Sunday Sep. 9 — be sure to indicate the number of tickets!**

## Habitat build on August 18



For lots more photos see our website at [stcatherines.org](http://stcatherines.org)!

## — Youth News —



### MUST Call for food

MUST Ministries has issued a desperate request for the following food items. Please consider including them in your shopping. And bring your donations to the Outreach Corner collection baskets in our lobby. Thank you!

- Spaghetti sauce
- Spaghetti
- Tuna
- Canned meat
- Rice
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Mac & cheese
- Cereal
- Canned fruit

### Men's Retreat

#### Reserve now!

We have a web page! See [stcatherines.org/mens\\_retreat.html](http://stcatherines.org/mens_retreat.html). Sign up ASAP (and invite a friend!) with a \$100 per person deposit. The retreat is Sept. 28-30 at Montara Farm in the north Georgia mountains. Fill out the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact the office to reserve.

Remember these important dates!

- **J2A Program Open House** on Sunday, August 26, at 10 am
- **Parents' meeting** for all parents of youth on Wednesday, August 29 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall
- **WNL begins** on Wednesday, August 5, 6:30-8 pm in the Youth Rooms

## Christian Nurture & Development Offerings

Pick up the new brochure at church detailing all our Christian Education offerings for fall and more. Come meet and talk with all the teachers at Open House on August 26!

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

#### CHILDREN

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

- Young Lambs atrium for children 2½ to 3½ years old.
- Level I atrium - children 3½ years old through Kindergarten.
- Level II atrium - 1st through 3rd graders.
- Level III atrium - 4th and 5th graders..
- Additionally on Mondays, - Level I, Level II, Level III Atriums, 4:30-6:00 PM

#### YOUTH

- Rite-13 (Sixth and Seventh Grades)
- J2A (Eighth and Ninth Grades)
- YA (Tenth and Eleventh Grades)
- Senior Church School (Twelfth Grade)

#### ADULTS

- Bible Study Class: The Sunday Lectionary
- Discovering the Divine Within
- Faith Explorers: One Faith, Many Wells
- NOOMA Video Series
- Church One-O-One

#### Also on Sundays

- Nursery for infants through age four
- Children's Chapel during 8:45 AM worship for children who are interested, ages range from two to nine years old.

### WEEKDAY OFFERINGS

#### Wednesday Night Live (WNL)

Programs for children, youth and adults, beginning September 19 (see details on page 5)

#### Bible Study Groups

- Weekday Bible Study — Wednesdays beginning August 15, 9:30 to 11:00 AM
- Men's Weekly Bible Study — Thursdays, Sept. 6 to Dec. 6, 7-8:30 PM
- Women's Bible Study
  - Weekly morning study, Fridays, 10-11:15 AM
  - Monthly evening study, second Mondays beginning Sept. 10, 7-8:30 PM

#### Men's Book Study

Second Monday each month beginning Sept. 6 at 6:30 PM

#### More Adult Offerings

- Marriage Journey Groups — Kickoff conversation dinner on September 9
- Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekends — next date November 2-4.
- Education for Ministry (EFM) — Classes begin September 6
- Pastoral Care Education Seminars — Quarterly Stephen Ministry educational opportunities
- Advent Eucharist and Study — Tuesday mornings in Advent at 7 AM beginning November 7.
- Advent Retreat — December 1-2, details to be announced



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## Mark Your Calendars

- 8/26 .... Fall sched. begins; Chr. Ed Open Houses
- 8/27 .... Preschool begins
- 8/28 .... Elizabeth Inn
- 8/29 .... Youth Parent's Meeting
- 9/3 ..... Labor Day Holiday
- 9/8, 15, 22, 29 .... Habitat build
- 9/9 ..... Church School begins; Acolyte bake sale; Golf outing; Marriage Journey dinner
- 9/12-16 ... New Orleans trip
- 9/15 .... Foyers Kickoff Dinner
- 9/23 .... Newcomer coffee; Braves game

## *The Wheel*

Next Publications:  
Sep. 7, Sep. 21, Oct. 5  
Deadline for Articles:  
Wednesday before

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## Stewardship 2008:

### *Blooming while sowing new seeds*



Our stewardship campaign theme this year, "Blooming While Sowing New Seeds," embodies the past while looking forward to the future. The committee has begun planning for the annual stewardship campaign and invites you to begin prayerful consideration of what you can offer in time, talent, and treasure for 2008.

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## Celebration dinners in October

On October 7, 21, and 27 we will host celebration dinners to gather in the Parish Hall for food, fellowship, and conversation around stewardship. Please look at your calendar and mark one of those dates to join us. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

## Fall schedule begins

Sunday, August 26



Our fall worship schedule resumes this date:

- **7:30 AM** Holy Eucharist
- **8:45 AM** Family Holy Eucharist
- **11:15 AM** Choral Holy Eucharist

## Christian Ed Open Houses

Come meet the teachers and sign up for the Sunday School and other offerings which interest you:

- 10 AM: Youth and adult educational offerings
- 12:30 PM: "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd" lunch and Open House for parents and children.

**Church School at 10 AM begins for all age groups on September 9**

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