



# The Wheel

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## We Give Thanks

We gather together for our Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist and Dessert Reception on **Tuesday evening, November 25, 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 because your staff cannot (and should not) eat it all. A blessed and happy Thanksgiving to everyone!

- No Wednesday Night Live on Nov. 26
- The church office will be closed Nov. 27-28.

## Advent, the Season of Hope



- **Advent Lessons and Carols**  
**Sunday, Dec. 7 10:30 am**

We will celebrate Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols on the second Sunday of Advent., Dec. 7. There will be **two services ONLY this day at 7:30 am and 10:30 am**. This is a special time as we anticipate the coming of Christ through the reading of Scripture and reflection in song on the great words of the prophets. Our choirs are hard at work in preparation for this seasonal favorite.

- **Wednesdays in Advent:**  
**"The Hope Initiative"**

One of the themes of Advent as we anticipate the coming of Christ is hope. During this season and extending into Epiphany we will present a series that we are calling "The Hope Initiative." The Hope Initiative will invite individuals from the community to visit us and share their unique perspective on the challenges of hope in a world too often characterized by just the opposite.

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Our Wednesday Night Live (WNL) programs in Advent will focus us on Jesus' command to love God "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." We've invited speakers to help us focus on this commandment from a perspective of hope:

**Dec. 3** — Donna Kremer from Wellstar Health Systems: How we exercise hope through the care of our heart and body.

**Dec. 10** — Todd Sandel from Lifegate Counseling Center: How we exercise hope through the care of our mind.

**Dec.17** — Our Assisting Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore: How we exercise hope through the care of our soul.

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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!*

### CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS

Orders due by Nov. 23, 1 pm  
Pickup on December 6 & 7



### Much more coming in Advent!

See inside pages 4 & 5!

## Seasonal Donations

Each year we invite all to donate money for decorating our church for Christmas. We remind you to insert your donation in the brown envelopes in your pews: please write in or on the envelope your name and who you want your gift to be remembered in thanksgiving or memory of, by Dec. 14 to be listed in our Christmas bulletins.

*I publish the banns of marriage between Margaret Mary Ramsay of Kennesaw, GA and Michael Wendell Reeves, Jr. of Atlanta. If any of you know just cause why they may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are bidden to declare it. This is the second time of asking.*



## Holy Baptism

**Next date: Jan. 11**

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

## We gather together...

Thanksgiving is nearly upon us ushering in the holiday season. I find Thanksgiving a much more relaxing and reflective holiday compared to the madness of Christmas. As I anticipate family and friends visiting as well as the family fun we have with the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade I am reminded of all that I am thankful for...

I am thankful for my health.

I am thankful for Joan and especially this year for her successful surgery and continued healing.

I am thankful for Katie as she nears the end of her Masters program.

I am thankful for Matt and Kari as they both begin new jobs in a new economic reality.

I am thankful for our home and the many memories and blessings that surround us.

I am thankful for this congregation and our many and varied ministries.

I am thankful for friends who remind me of God's steadfast love.

I am thankful for our staff and the wonderful gifts they bring to their work with all of us.

I am thankful for the Episcopal Church and for its witness in our world.

I am thankful for the work completed this year on the youth house.

I am thankful for our faith-filled work with children, youth, and adults.

I am thankful for you.

I am thankful for this past year and the joy of the coming year.

A blessed and thankful "turkey day" to each and every one of you.

## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Lillian Vu, Jason, Cindy Alexander, Marilyn May, Steve Diffley, Tom Carter, Mark Gross, Agnes Floyd, Jim Hamilton, Judi Petee, Ginny Johnston, Joyce Bramlett, Randy Gibson, Ellen, Angela, Glenda King, Margaret & Reese Ivey, Cary Phillips, Kathy Blacklund, Debbie Joyner, Elizabeth White, Anne Whittle, Lynn Patton, June Lewis, Ella Laird, Brenda Jackson, Shirley Bird, Ann Snead, Paul Smith, Tracey, Audrey & Gordon, Zanny Dillson, Annabelle Stooksbury, Elizabeth Devereaux, Joan Nixon, Diana Salzman, Cynthia Snider, Eileen Motter, Ron Bond, Terri, Sherry Henderson, Meena Patel, Ellis Kilgore, Jill Morich, Devon Parker, Risa Maier, Nancy

Numair, Lisa Rentenbach, Wayne, Tracy Spickler, Doug Simmons, Jennifer Harris, Jenny & her baby, Tom Bird

### Before Surgery

Lisa Spessard, 12/3/08;  
Charles Heckel, 12/18/08; Jodi Gammon, 11/25/08

### Deceased

Jeanne Smith, friend of Amelia Arthur; John Bowman, Lezlie DeGan's father

### Special Prayers

For Margaret & Bob Bowman

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(11/23/08)** Lynne & Bob Gates; Barri Gehrand; Daniel, Elizabeth & David Goldman; Steve, Valerie & Gabi Gosnell; Donna Green

**(11/30/08)** Jim & Bobbye Greene; Matt, Missy, Caroline & Audrey Grace Greene; Germany Greer; Ron, Susan & Joe Greger; Bette Hamilton

### Birthdays

(11/24) Pam Phillips, Clark Remter; (11/25) Kimberly Blythe; (11/26) Evan Austin, Matthew Gottesman; (11/27) Barbara Barrington; (11/29) Alex Morris; (12/1) Emily Schuring, Sam Schuring; (12/2) Gina Baumann, Paddy Philpotts, Bill Lee; (12/3) Shelly Taylor, Eric Hollis, (12/4) Katie Carswell; (12/5) Michael Smith, Alex Daniel; (12/6) Christina Huey, Alysia Bowers-Dean, Reese Maier; (12/7) Peggy Towery

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

**March 6-8, 2009**

Reserve ASAP! The Women's Retreat will be Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8, at Amicalola Falls Lodge in North Georgia. It will be a great time to have fun, meet new friends, and renew old friendships in a spiritually fulfilling, beautiful setting. Cost will be approximately \$225, double occupancy. Space is limited, reserve your spot soon with a \$100 deposit. (Please make checks out to St. Catherine's and write "Women's Retreat" on the memo line.) Check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Ginny Lummus, Susan Johnson, Kathy Holman or Elizabeth Lopez; email [gslummus@ATgmail.com](mailto:gslummus@ATgmail.com).

## Be a mentor

The Youth Mentoring Program is looking for candidates for the Mentoring program. If you have an interest in becoming a friend to a young person in a mentor relationship, or if you'd like to know more about how that works, please contact Hale Sanders at 770-565-2719, or via email at [halesanders@ATmindspring.com](mailto:halesanders@ATmindspring.com).

## Holiday Outreach



Thank you for your support of our Outreach to the community through Emmaus House, an Episcopal community center and parish serving Peoplestown, Summerhill, and other Atlanta neighborhoods.

### • Emmaus House food needs

Emmaus House is in desperate need of staple foods to be distributed to the needy. Items wanted include: Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, canned meat, canned fruit or vegetables, canned pasta, canned or dry beans, mac and cheese, baby food, rice, boxed meals, soup. Please leave donations in the Outreach baskets in the church foyer.

### • The Giving Tree

Beginning November 25, the Giving Tree will be displayed in the church foyer decorated with ornaments that list gifts to purchase for children in the Emmaus House community. A record number are expected this year to attend the annual Christmas Festival where Santa and Mrs. Claus will distribute the gifts. If you would like to get a gift for a child, simply take an ornament from the Giving Tree and sign the gift log book. Then bring back your wrapped gift to the tree by Sunday, December 14—be sure to fasten the ornament tag to it.

### • Emmaus House Shop

Scarves, slippers, hankies, socks, soap, shampoo, cologne, shaving cream and razors, gloves, billfolds, decorative items, costume jewelry, watches are needed for their Secret Santa Shop where the children buy gifts for their parents and grandparents. Some items such as jewelry and decorative items may be gently used. All items are priced at 10 cents. Please deliver donations to the labeled box located near the Giving Tree by December 14.

### • Other Needs

- **Gift cards** from Kroger, Publix and Walmart. Please bring these in an envelope marked "Outreach."
- **Large adult winter outerwear** such as jackets, hats, scarves and gloves. These items may be gently used.

### • Be an Emmaus elf

For several years a group from St. Catherine's has gone to Emmaus House on Christmas Eve morning to be "elves" at the annual Christmas Festival. We serve as hosts and helpers as the crowd of hundreds go from activity to activity, including a magician and storyteller, and finally a visit to Santa and Mrs. Claus for their presents. 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, please contact Nadine Pope, [ronaza@ATmindspring.com](mailto:ronaza@ATmindspring.com) or 770-973-9057.

## Vestry Notes



- We still are awaiting outstanding 2009 Stewardship pledges. Please prayerfully consider your support of our church.
- The slate of candidates for Vestry were announced: Norma Alexander, Mike Arthur, John Barrington, Mark Blythe, Eric DeLaBarre, Susan Jablonski, Al Maxwell. (Information about the candidates and details of the December 14 elections will be in the next issue of The Wheel.)
- Steve Diffley is the new convener of the Liturgy and Music Ministry Team.

## December Ministry Focus: PA&F

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Parish Administration and Facilities Ministry Team. This team includes committees for Building Repairs, Folders, Grounds Team, IT Support, Office Support, Newsletter & Email, Personnel Committee, Plantings Maintenance, Sound Systems, and Website. To find out more about their activities please check the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact team convener Al Jones.

## Folding Party

The annual Folding Party and Lunch will be Friday, December 19, 10 AM in the Parish Hall. The folders assemble all the bulletins used at St. Catherine's services during this festive season. There is always lots of laughter and fun, and plenty of room for anyone interested in joining in the work. Please sign up for lunch in your bulletin or contact Jamie Harding

## Reflections

A special annual tradition at St. Catherine's is our booklet of reflections on Advent and Christmas written by our own parishioners. Copies will be available at church, and be sure to check on our website throughout the season for your Reflection of the Day!

## Christmas Cards/Ornaments

The Parish Life and Fellowship Ministry Team is selling beautiful St. Catherine's Christmas cards and ornaments after the 8:45 and 11:15 services. Cost is \$10 for a pack of 20 cards & envelopes and \$5.00 each for ornaments. All proceeds will be used for supplies for the kitchen and parish hall.

## Advent and Christmas at St. Catherine's

- November 30 – First Sunday in Advent
- Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 – Advent Eucharist & Study, 7:00-8:00 am
- Dec. 3, 10, 17 – WNL "The Hope Initiative" speaker series
- Dec. 5 – "Seasonal Sabbath" Adult Quiet Evening, 6–9 pm
- Dec. 6 & 7 – Christmas tree and wreath order pickup in lower parking lot
- December 7 (Advent 2) –
  - Church School 9 to 10 AM this day
  - St. Nicholas Celebration during Church School
  - Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols ,10:30 AM (no 8:45 or 11:15 service this day)
- December 13 – Secret Santa Shop & Craft Sale sponsored by our Youth, 9 am to noon
- December 14 (Advent 3) – Christmas Pageant during 8:45 service
- December 21 (Advent 4) – Hanging of the Greens, 5:00-8:00 pm
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: Worship with special music, followed by Festive Receptions
  - Family Holy Eucharist - Music begins at 4:30, procession at 5:00 pm
  - The Christ Mass - Music begins at 10:30, procession at 11:00 pm
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am



## "Seasonal Sabbath"

The St. Catherine's Daughters of the King invite all adults for a special evening of quiet guided meditation on **Friday, December 5 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm**. We will gather in the Sanctuary for prayerful meditation on the Mystery and Wonder of the Christmas Season. The evening will be led by Deacon Kathy. Light finger food will be available for those who must come from work. All who are interested in sharing this special time of quiet and prayerfulness are welcome. No reservation needed, so please come. For more information contact Kathy Holman at 770-971-2839.

## Secret Santa Shoppe

**Saturday, December 13**

St. Catherine's Youth will once again sponsor our Secret Santa Shop for children ages 3-, 9 am to noon. As children shop & make for gifts for their loved ones, adults will enjoy a nice breakfast and time for holiday shopping at our craft show.

**Vendors, & Artisans still needed** – please contact Lee Ann Sherry at 770-815-5299, leeATlistingimpression.com.



## Advent Eucharist/Study

**Tuesdays beginning Dec. 2**

Our tradition during Advent is to celebrate a Eucharist and Study on Tuesday mornings. This year we will gather on Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 23 at 7:00 AM each morning in the tradition of "the apostle's teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers." This time is designed to fit within an hour so that promptly at 8:00 AM you can be off to work, school, or your day's plans.

This year our study will use "Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent" by Pamela Hawkins. Some Advent titles promise reflective simplicity but actually require a lot of time or reading; "Simply Wait" is the exception. The exercises are very do-able and focus on anticipation, hope, patience and obedience. Instead of doing more and moving faster, find a way to reflect more, worry less and connect authentically. The material will be available on our Advent Resource Table in the foyer.



## Kitchen Shower

St. Catherine's kitchen, which is used frequently by many groups, is in dire need of some new supplies. The next time you're shopping, please think of us and purchase one or more of these items to help keep our kitchen "user friendly." There will be a basket marked *Kitchen Shower* in the Parish Hall for your items. Any gift is greatly appreciated!

### Needed:

- Tea towels
- Wash cloths
- Paring knives
- Laundry baskets
- Candle lighters
- Oven mitts & pot holders (heavy duty)
- Cutting boards

## St. Cat's Carolers



Give a gift of music, hire the St. Cat's Carolers! Members of the Adult Choir will sing Christmas favorites for neighbors & friends or home parties. Limited dates and locations are available, donation begins at \$50 depending on event. Proceeds go toward music and a fund to maintain our robes. Contact Karen Manno to schedule, email Karen@StCatherines.org or phone 770-973-8668.

## Christmas Pageant



All children are invited to take part in the annual Christmas Pageant during the 8:45 am service on Sunday, Dec.14.

Rehearsals, while not mandatory, are suggested as little ones do better if they are

familiar with their part and costume. We have speaking and non-speaking parts. If your child wants a speaking part, please e-mail or call Kristin Blackstock by Thanksgiving, kgblackstock@hotmail.com or 770 971 2649.

### Rehearsals:

- Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10 am
- Saturday, Dec. 13 at 1 pm

### Additional rehearsals for speaking parts:

Attendance not mandatory on all dates, but please try to attend as many as possible:

- Sunday, Nov. 30 at 5 pm
- Wednesdays, 6:30 pm on Dec. 3 & 10

Supplies needed: Donations of solid color pillow cases and angel's wings are needed (items will not be returned). Please bring them by the church office asap. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Blackstock or Zanny Dillson.

## Contemplative Prayer group forming

The Coracle Spiritual Formation Ministry will be offering an Introduction to Contemplative Prayer, a weekly contemplative prayer group, to anyone who is interested in learning about contemplative prayer or deepening their own contemplative prayer practice. Sessions will meet every Sunday evening January through March from 5:00 to 7:00. Participants will be introduced to Fr. Basil Pennington's models of Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer. Our time together will include teaching, practice, and reflection. There will be no fee for this program, however regular attendance will be expected. For more information, contact Deacon Kathy Holman at 770-971-2839 or kdh53@bellsouth.net.

## WNL (cont'd from page 1)

**Please call the office (770.971.2839) by Mondays at noon to let us know to plan on you for dinner.**

There can be no question that we live in difficult times. But the most difficult challenge may be to live as a Christian. We believe The Hope Initiative can challenge us to think in uniquely Christian ways about life.

The Catechism (Book of Common Prayer, p. 861) asks, "What is Christian hope?" We answer, "The Christian hope is to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life, and to await the coming of Christ in glory, and the completion of God's purpose for the world." It can be difficult "to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life" in a world marked by many of the headlines we read or marked by own personal experience of unemployment or financial loss among the many challenges facing us. We want the Hope Initiative to encourage us to look at the world in general and our lives in particular through the lens of hope.

In her book *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope*, Joan Chittister writes, "Hope is not a matter of waiting for things outside of us to get better. It's about getting better inside about what is going on inside. It is about becoming open to the God of newness. It is about allowing ourselves to let go of the present, to believe in the future we cannot see but can trust to God." The Hope Initiative will encourage us to explore these words for ourselves and to ask ourselves where we want to get "better inside about what is going on inside."

There will be additional Hope Initiative opportunities in 2009. As we define and schedule them we'll be letting you know the where and when of each. In the meantime we invite you to join us on these three evenings for dinner at 5:45 pm and our program from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. As we anticipate the coming of Emmanuel, "God with us," these evening may be one of the ways we prepare our hearts, souls and minds to fully receive the Christ into our lives.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

## Children's Chapel help

The young families are growing and so is the number of children attending Children's Chapel. Adults are needed to supervise the children during 8:45 service (from the Sequence Hymn through The Peace). Training is supplied and you need not have children to help. Sign up on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Mary Lou Shannonhouse or Kristin Blackstock for questions.

## "China's Terracotta Warriors"

Reserve by December 1! Join us on Saturday, Jan. 24 (NOT 31st), 2 PM, to see this very special exhibit at the High Museum. Tickets are \$6 for child (up to age 17), \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors, \$3 additional for the guided audio tour. Reserve with your check in the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or send checks to the office. Make checks to St. Catherine's and specify the event on the check. For more information please contact Gail McGill, 770-971-8890.

## Cats On Wheels break bread together

Mark your calendars for December 18 at 11 AM. Cats On Wheels, St. Catherine's active senior adults, will meet in the church to celebrate Holy Eucharist, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Hall hosted by Joan and Jim+ Nixon and Susan+ and Roy Johnson. The preschool children will delight us with music of the season.



### Upcoming:

**January 17, 11:30 AM** – Luncheon at The Parc At Piedmont. Cats On Wheels will be the guest of Lorraine Nichols for this event, which will take the place of our regular lunch on Picadilly on the third Saturday of odd-number months.

## WELCOME

### New Faces at St. Cat's

Please look for these new folks and let them know how glad we are they are part of St. Catherine's:

- Michael Duryea. Michael is an Atlanta native and has recently moved to Marietta. He is employed by a Marietta manufacturer. Michael is a history buff and loves music (he's still getting accustomed to our hymnal). He has two grown children who live nearby and he attends the 11:15 service.
- John Forbes. John is planning to be married in May to Julie Thomason. He is a Georgia Tech football fan. He and Julie normally attend the 11:15 service.
- Julie Thomason: Julie has moved to Marietta from Snellville. She formerly attended Holy Innocents. She is a psychology major and is interested in volunteering with youth. She and John will be married May 2, 2009.
- Steve and Harriet Pyburn: The Pyburns have moved to Marietta from Mableton. Their two children, Connor, and Bryce attend St. Catherine's pre-school. They are especially enthusiastic about Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Steve and Harriet have attended the young families activities and Harriet is a volunteer in our ESL program.

## CN&D Notes

All are welcome to the Christian Nurture and Development Ministry Team Meeting on **January 10**, 4-6 pm in the Parish Hall. If you want information on the CN&D ministries or are interested in helping, please attend or contact Kristin Blackstock. [kgblackstock@hotmail.com](mailto:kgblackstock@hotmail.com) or 770 971 2649.

### Church School schedule notes:

- Dec. 7—Church School at 9-10 AM, St. Nicholas Celebration
- Dec. 28—No regular classes
- Jan. 4—Regular schedule resumes
- Jan. 18— Church School at 9-10 AM, Annual Meeting following 10:30 service

## Elizabeth Inn

### Next date — Friday, Nov. 28

Thank you to YA Youth who are helping at the Inn this month. St. Catherine's volunteers staff the Inn and provide dinner for the guests on the 28th of each month. To help please sign up on the Outreach table in the foyer or contact our volunteer coordinators: Dinner Team: Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, and Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609. Overnight Team: Fred Massey, 404-731-4466.



## Radical Abundance: a Theology of Sustainability

St. Catherine's will be one of several parishes in our diocese to host a webcast of a three-day conference January 21-23 at Trinity Wallstreet Episcopal Church in New York City. Feature speakers will be Majora Carter, Timothy J. Gorringer, and David C. Kortzen, as participants explore issues of sustainability through the lens of liberation theology. You may attend this conference at St. Catherine's through live video. There will be a registration fee. For more information, go to the website, [www.trinitywallstreet.org](http://www.trinitywallstreet.org) or talk with Deacon Kathy.

## 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.

## Letters

Dear Alicia,

Over the past twenty years I have coordinated blood drives for St. Catherine's Episcopal Church and have witnessed many levels of service from the Red Cross staff. This past Monday, November 10th we had the pleasure of experiencing the most efficient, well run, hardest working four people the Red Cross has ever sent. The donors were treated professionally, with respect for their time and did not linger unnecessarily. It was a most pleasant experience and if there is anyway this team can be sent to St. Catherine's in April it would be wonderful.

As always it is a pleasure to work with you and your organization and I and St. Catherine's look forward to many more successful blood drives.

Sincerely yours,  
Frederick A. Massey, Sr.

## Whiterocks Partner awarded Lilly Grant

It was four years ago (in November) that St. Catherine's was awarded a Lilly Grant for Clergy Renewal for 2005. So it is with great joy that I let you know that St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church and the Rev. Sue Duffield have been awarded a grant for 2009. You can read about the grant at [www.lillyendowment.org/pdf/NCRP2008Winners.pdf](http://www.lillyendowment.org/pdf/NCRP2008Winners.pdf).

It was a wonderful time for me and for my family and I think I can speak for St. Catherine's that it was a good time as well. We learned a great deal about ourselves (both Rector and congregation) and we continue to reap benefits. I know this will be the case for our partner parish, St. Elizabeth's, and for Sue and Jim Duffield who have given so much of their lives to their ministry in Whiterocks.

Congratulations, Sue. Have a great time and return rested and renewed for your ministry.

Fr. Jim+

## Congratulations, Roswell Crew!

Parishioner Sean Olliffe and his teammates from Atlanta Junior Rowing Association placed first of 29 teams in the 4-man 5,000 meter event at the Head of the Hooch Regatta on November 1 in Chattanooga, TN. This regatta is the second largest in the nation, more than 5,000 rowers representing 48 states and 2 countries were in attendance. Way to go, Roswell Crew! In addition, Sean has broken the club's freshman record on the erg (rowing) machine, which measures speed and strength of the rower. Congratulations, Sean!



## OCC Success!

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Operation Christmas Child outreach project! St. Catherine's church and preschool made over 90 gift-filled boxes, which will be used to make Christmas brighter for needy children all over the world. If you did not have a chance to make a shoebox, you can still donate monetary gifts, which will be used to pay for the shipping of these boxes, online at [www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/EZ\\_Give\\_Donations/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/EZ_Give_Donations/).

By Jenny Gale

## Medical Mission Trip to Ecuador

During the week of October 18-25 a team of 14 practitioners, nurses and support staff representing the Diocese of Atlanta went to Mission Buen Pastor in our Companion Diocese of Central Ecuador. Various clinics were set up in all parts of the church. The team provided primary care, well child visits, dermatology care, dental care, glasses and medicines. Overall we saw over 800 individuals from the impoverished community our Episcopal mission church serves. For many this was their first dental visit. The people we served were extremely grateful. They wanted us to express their love to all our Diocese. On behalf of the mission team we want to thank all of St. Catherine's for the generous donation of medications and vitamins. We fully met the medication needs of our patients with your gifts, and you help forward the Companion Diocese relationship.

Thank you,  
Barbara and Bruce Perry



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## Mark Your Calendars

- 11/25 .... Thanksgiving service & reception
- 11/27 .... Thanksgiving Day; Gobble Jog
- 11/28 .... Elizabeth Inn
- 11/2,9 .... Eucharist & Study
- 12/3,10 .... WNL
- 12/5 .... Advent Quiet Evening
- 12/6 .... Christmas Tree/wreath pickup
- 12/7 .... Lessons & Carols service, no 8:45 or 11:15; King Tut outing

## *The Wheel*

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## Stewardship 2009



**Your pledge is extremely important. Remember, your Vestry will set the budget for 2009 based strictly on pledges received for the coming year.** If you have not yet done so please consider making a pledge – even if you have not in the past. Please visit the Stewardship web page at [www.stcatherines.org](http://www.stcatherines.org) to complete the Time and Talent Pledge Card and the 2009 Giving Card OR printed copies are available at church.

## Gobble Jog needs more participants

Sign up now or just show up on Nov. 27! 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 "gobbler" and you'll get our well-deserved race shirt by mail! Get information at [www.gobblejog.org](http://www.gobblejog.org). There will be plenty of food, beverages, entertainment and awards for all age categories.

## Advent Wreath Making

Sunday, Nov. 23  
10 AM

Join us during the Church School hour in the Parish Hall to make your Advent wreath, ready for the start of Advent on November 30. We offer this time as a community event and encourage everyone – children, youth, and adults to gather with us to anticipate the season.



→ No Church School classes this day.

## Greenery needed...

Please clip a few branches from evergreens, Leland cypresses, and such from your yard to bring Sunday morning. If you can bring an armful that would be wonderful! Since we are making wreaths prior to Thanksgiving this year and many stores don't have their Christmas trees yet, we want to be sure we have enough greenery for everyone!