



The Wheel

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 14, 8:45 AM

Everyone is invited to a joyful celebration of the proclamation of our Savior's birth! All children are welcome to take part. Rehearsals, while not mandatory, are suggested as little ones do better if they are familiar with their part and costume. Final rehearsal is Saturday, Dec. 13, 1 PM.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, Dec. 21, 5-8 PM

As the Advent season draws to a close and the joy of Christmas is just around the corner, we will gather on Sunday evening, December 21, to decorate the church for Christmas. This is always a very special time filled with laughter, joy, and a little labor. We can use every hand!

Please bring a finger dessert to share. Be sure to bring your friends, your visiting family, your joy and laughter. This is an evening for every member of the congregation (nursery available for little ones during the work time).

We will begin at 5:00 PM to decorate the church, parish hall, youth house, atrium, and outside. At 6:00 we'll break for a light supper. We'll return to a decorated and candle-lit sanctuary at 7:00 to sing some carols and play the bells. We'll finish the evening with dessert. See you there!



Give — and receive great joy!

Give and receive great joy this season. Please reach out in Christ's love to those who have less than we do this Christmas:

- Take an ornament from the Giving Tree at church and purchase a gift for a child. **Please return gifts by Dec. 14.**
- Donate new or gently used items so needy children have an opportunity to shop for gifts for their families at the Emmaus House Secret Santa Shop.
- Donate new or clean, gently used coats, gloves, hats, and blankets so that others, too, may be warm.
- Purchase gift cards from Kroger, Walmart, or Publix so that others may also enjoy a Christmas feast.
- On Christmas Eve morning come be an "elf" at the annual Emmaus House Christmas Festival. We serve as hosts and helpers as the crowd of hundreds go from activity to activity and visit Santa and Mrs. Claus to receive their presents. It's a wonderful activity and we would love for you to join us!

Collection boxes and details about all of these opportunities are available near the Giving Tree in the foyer or contact Nadine Pope at ronaza@mindspring.com.



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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!

Vestry Elections Dec. 14

See insert inside!

Much more in Advent & Christmas

See pages 4 & 5!

Year End, New Year!



- **All donations to the church for 2008** must be postmarked no later than Dec. 31.
- Please turn in any **invoices and requests for reimbursement for 2008** expenses by Dec. 31.
- **Annual Reports due by January 4**— Now is the time to start thinking about annual reports. We will gladly accept them early. We really want to have all groups and ministries included in the report. The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, January 18. Please send them by email to rosewolfe@bellsouth.net

Holy Baptism

Next date: Jan. 11

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

“Come and Know Me Better”

My Dear Children, I am very anxious that you should know something about the History of Jesus Christ. For everybody ought to know about Him. No one ever lived who was so good, so kind, so gentle, and so sorry for all people who did wrong, or were in any way ill or miserable, as He was. And as He is now in Heaven, where we hope to go, and all to meet each other after we are dead, and there be happy always together, you never can think what a good place Heaven is, without knowing who He was and what He did.

These are the opening words of a very special book written by Charles Dickens, author of one of my favorite Christmas stories, *A Christmas Carol*. As I was clearing a closet in my mother's house last year, I came across this little book. It is called *The Life of Our Lord*. Written for his 8 children, the manuscript was hidden from publication at Mr. Dickens' request for 85 years. It was finally published in 1934. The book is a paraphrase of the gospel of Luke and is written so his little children could understand the deep compassion and love of this little child called Jesus Christ. Most touching to me is the intimate, caring voice of Charles Dickens, the daddy, as he relates the story of our Lord to his little ones in what seems to be bedtime story fashion.

I read *A Christmas Carol* every year. It's my Advent reading. I love it. I find something new in it every year. My favorite movie rendition of *A Christmas Carol* was done by Brian Henson in memory of his father, Jim Henson. A great Muppet fan, I enjoy all the characters. But my most favorite character is the wonderful, jolly giant Muppet who plays Christmas Present. He has a joyful, bouncing laugh as he peers through Scrooge's bedroom doorway and says in booming voice, "I am the ghost of Christmas Present. Come and know me better, Man."

It's the invitation of Advent. Come: to our Lessons and Carols service. Come: to the Tuesday morning Eucharist. Come: to the Seasonal Sabbath prayer service. Come: to the Christmas Pageant. Gather with your family around your Advent calendar or your Advent Wreath. The invitations are many and we need only choose one. Which speaks most deeply to you? Where might you go this year to "know" this Christmas better?

Deacon Kathy+

Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Lillian Vu, Jason, Cindy Alexander, Marilyn May, Tom Carter, Agnes Floyd, Jim Hamilton, Judi Petee, Ginney Johnston, Joyce Bramlett, Glenda King, Cary Phillips, Kathy Blacklund, Debbie Joyner, Elizabeth White, Lynn Patton, June Lewis, Paul Smith, Tracey, Zanny Dillson, Elizabeth Devereaux, Diana Salzman, Cynthia Snider, Eileen Motter, Ron Bond, Terri, Sherry Henderson, Tom Bird, Ellis Kilgore, Jill Morich, Devon Parker & baby Brenton Joseph, Risa Maier, Nancy Numair, Lisa Rentenbach, Wayne, Doug Simmons, Jennifer Harris, Jenny & her baby, Wayne, Jodi Gammon, Liesl Amoruso, Ann Conaway, Jim Raasch, Lisa

Spessard, Tom, David Sherry, the Williams Family, Hugh Wolfe

Before Surgery

Charles Heckel, 12/18/08, Susan Johnson's father

Deceased

Tracy Spickler, friend of the Morich's; Mary Lane Stuart, mother of Lee Stuart

Special Prayers

For Margaret & Bob Bowman

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(12/14/08) Philip & Kathleen Hamilton; Jamie & Andrew Harding, Shona & Dustin Morris & Travis; Bettye Harris; Judith Harrison; Michael, Jeanette, Andrew & Ryan Harrison
(12/21/08) Cary, Karen, Kristen & Kyle Henderson, Jay & Joyce Hendricks, Jerilyn &

Carson Gardner; Bruce, Susan, Scott & Tom Heuke; Kristina Higgins; Carolyn Hilley

Birthdays

(12/8) Gail McGill; Katie Lowry, Gene Carter, Sebastian Hutto; (12/10) Ann Snead, Barbara Perry, Nicky Muckerman, Megan Shannonhouse; (12/11) Bobbye Greene, Margaret Caudle, Chandler Parker, Christopher Rader, Elaine Krupp; (12/12) Jim Tindall, Chris Kiefer, Lee Stuart, Jackson Miller; (12/13) Terry Sheehan, Ben Frost, Jr.; (12/14) Ken Denton; (12/15) Jennifer Massey, Kevin Manno; (12/16) Kayla Daniel; (12/18) Tom Bird, Charlie Tanner, Riley Yucius; (12/19) Catherine Boyd, Christopher Nesbit; (12/20) Kendall Cook; (12/21) Bob Olliffe

Feel a bit chilly?

You might. In an attempt to be good stewards both of the fossil fuel we use to heat our facilities and the money you give to mission and ministry at St. Catherine's, we have turned down the thermostats to a maximum of 68 degrees for the winter. Therefore you might find the sanctuary, your classroom or meeting room a little chilly. We encourage you to dress warmer during the coming months. We are working at providing a basket of shawls in the narthex for your use during worship. Please feel free to use them and to donate any shawls you might not be using at home. You can also help us by not readjusting the thermostats. Thank you!



St. Catherine's 2009 Financial Outlook

As I am sure everyone knows, we as a nation and a world are in some of the most difficult economic times any of us have known. Many of St. Catherine's family are suffering. And so is St. Catherine's herself.

We are now in the final stages of setting a budget for 2009. Most of the pledges are in and St. Catherine's makes its budget based on those pledges. We produce a balanced budget each year and we operate on a cash basis.

We felt it was important that you know that our income and budget will be substantially lower next year than in the last several years. This will have a very disappointing effect on the funding of our Ministries. In fact, right now we are below the minimum necessary to sustain our activities at previous levels. Next year will be difficult.

We ask you to pray for St. Catherine's and the members of her family, to be faithful in your pledges and to offer as much of your time, talent (and, yes, treasure) as you can to sustain our community through these tough times.

In Christ,
Tom Hunter, Finance Committee Chair

- **2009 Pledges** (received as of Dec. 2) – 181 pledges totaling \$581,437
- **2008 Total Pledges** – 211 pledges totaling \$634,388
- **Reduction in 2009 budget for all programs** (if no more pledges received) – \$52,941

Elizabeth Inn

Thanks goes out to Keith, Mitch and Julian Dumke and Julian's friend for helping with dinner at the Elizabeth Inn, MUST Ministries' shelter on Cobb Parkway, on Friday night, November 28. They were joined by Jennifer Massey, her sister Kim and husband Charlie, their daughter Jennifer and Kim and Jennifer's mom Anita. Also, a BIG THANK YOU to Keith for overnighing by himself this date. We served over fifty people with no burgers left over and no one left hungry. Rachel's red potatoes were also a big hit (Jennifer's family even liked to nibble). Everyone also enjoyed the pumpkin, apple and pecan pies. Thanks to all for a successful dinner.

In December the 28th falls on the Sunday after Christmas so please check your calendar and let me know if you're available to overnigh.

Thanks to all of you for your support over this past year and as we enter 2009 please keep each other and all the guests at the Inn in your prayers. I expect 2009 to be a busy year at the Inn and your continued support will be needed even more.

Yours in Christ,
Frederick Massey

THE CORACLE

The Coracle Spiritual Formation Ministry will be offering an Introduction to Contemplative Prayer, a weekly contemplative prayer group for 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, 770-971-2839 or kdh53@bellsouth.net



Advent and Christmas at St. Catherine's



This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 12/8

Susan's Day Off

11:00AM Preschool Board Meeting
6:30PM ESL
7:00PM Women's Bible Study
7:00PM The Coracle
7:00PM Stewardship
7:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 713

Tuesday, 12/9

7:00AM Advent Eucharist/Study
10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Catechesis
6:30PM Cub Scouts
7:00PM Mothers & More
7:00PM Jubilate
7:39PM Fellowship

Wednesday, 12/10

9:30AM Bible Study
12:00PM Preschool Program
5:45PM WNL - Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL - Programs
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 12/11

7:30AM Executive Committee
12:00PM Preschool Program
6:30PM EFM
6:30PM Preschool program
7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 12/12

Jim's Day Off

10:00AM Women's Bible Study
5:00PM Absentee Ballots due
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/13

8:00AM Finance
9:00AM Coracle Group
9:00AM Secret Santa
1:00PM Pageant Rehearsal

Sunday, 12/14

Vestry Elections

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Christmas Pageant
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
2:00PM Catechesis
5:00PM Stephen Ministers
5:00PM Youth Group

- Dec. 9, 16, 23 – Advent Eucharist & Study, 7:00-8:00 am
- Dec. 10, 17 – WNL “The Hope Initiative” speaker series
- Dec. 13 – Secret Santa Shop, Breakfast & Craft Sale, 9 am to noon
- Dec. 14 (Advent 3) – Christmas Pageant during 8:45 service; Seasonal donations due; Vestry Elections at all services
- Dec. 17 – Youth Christmas Party, 6:30-7:30 pm
- Dec. 18 – Senior adults holiday Eucharist & lunch
- Dec. 19 – Folding Party & Lunch, 10 am
- Dec. 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
- Dec. 28 – Worship at 7:30 and 10:30 ONLY, no Church School; Elizabeth Inn; Rector's Open House, 5:30 -8 pm

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. Please join us for a little light work, lots of laughter and fun, and plenty of room for anyone interested. Please sign up for lunch in your bulletin or contact Jamie Harding.

Advent Eucharist/Study

Tuesdays 7-8 AM through Dec. 23

Our tradition during Advent is to celebrate a Eucharist and Study on Tuesday mornings. We will gather at 7:00 AM for a brief Eucharist followed by our study from "Simply Wait: Cultivating Stillness in the Season of Advent" by Pamela Hawkins. 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. The materials are available on our Advent Resource Table in the foyer.

Pageant details

- Rehearsal for those with speaking parts on Wed., Dec. 10, at 6:30 PM, plus rehearsal for everyone participating on Sat. Dec. 13, 1 PM.
- 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.

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.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 12/15

Susan's Day Off

6:30PM ESL
 7:00PM Kneeler Project
 7:30PM Boy Scout Troop 713
 7:30PM Safeguarding

Tuesday, 12/16

7:00AM Advent Eucharist/Study
 10:00AM Morning Prayer
 10:30AM Staff Meeting
 4:00PM Catechesis
 7:00PM Jubilate
 7:00PM Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 12/17

9:30AM Bible Study
 5:45PM WNL - Dinner
 6:15PM Youth Choir
 6:30PM WNL - Programs
 7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 12/18

11:00AM Seniors Eucharist/
Luncheon
 6:30PM EFM

Friday, 12/19

Jim's Day Off

10:00AM Folding Party
 10:00AM Women's Bible Study
 6:30PM Staff Party @ Olliffe's
 8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/20

10:00AM Christmas Rehearsals
 2:00PM ASO Concert

Sunday, 12/21

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
 8:00AM Breakfast
 8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
 10:00AM Church School
 11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
 2:00PM Catechesis
 3:00PM Youth Event
 5:00PM Hanging of the Greens

Seasonal Donations



Return by December 14

We invite the parish each year to donate money towards decorating our church for Christmas and special music for Christmas Eve. Please insert your donation in the brown envelopes in your pews and let us know in or on the envelope your name and who you want your gift to be remembered in thanksgiving or memory of. Please return your envelope by Dec. 14 to be listed in our Christmas bulletins.

The Hope Initiative: Wednesdays in Advent

One of the themes of Advent as we anticipate the coming of Christ is hope. During this season and extending into Epiphany our Wednesday Night Live (WNL) programs will present "The Hope Initiative." We have invited 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. In Advent we will focus on Jesus' command to love God "with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

- **On Dec. 10** — Todd Sandel from Lifegate Counseling Center: How we exercise hope through the care of our mind.
- **On Dec. 17** — Our Assisting Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore: How we exercise hope through the care of our soul.

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_{AT}StCatherines.org or phone 770-973-8668.

Christmas Eve Receptions



Festive receptions follow the 4:30 and 10:30 Christmas Eve services on December 24. We invite you to donate finger foods for the reception, please bring them to the Parish Hall prior to the service you attend this night.

Special Christmas Fund

Each Christmas members of this congregation give to create a Special Christmas Fund. This fund is used to support members of this congregation who through the previous year have suffered in any number of ways. This fund is used to support them at a time of year when limited resources are painfully evident as a family attempts to provide the joy of Christmas. The Rector, in consultation with the staff, makes the decision as to how this fund will be used.

We invite you to be a part of this giving. If you would like to give to this fund simply write a check to St. Catherine's and clearly mark it for the Special Christmas Fund. Any amount will be gratefully accepted.

Reflection of the Day

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!

December Ministry Focus: PA&F

This month we celebrate the life and work of our Parish Administration and Facilities Ministry Team. This team includes 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.

Mark Your Calendars

We wish they weren't going, but Liz and John Rea are bound for Knoxville, Tennessee. To give everyone a chance to bid them goodbye, we're having a party on Saturday evening, January 3, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please save this date!

Next New Orleans Trip



Several trips to continue our aid to the people of New Orleans are planned during the coming year: February 18-24; a trip by the Youth later in the spring; and one or two others scheduled to coincide with volunteers from our partner parishes. Please consider how you might serve either with your time and talent during one of these trips or through a contribution to the Office of Disaster Response, Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. Contact Al or Sue Jones, 770-565-1013.

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. There will be a basket marked *Kitchen Shower* in the Parish Hall. Any gift is greatly appreciated!

Needed items: *Tea towels, Wash cloths, Paring knives, Laundry baskets, Candle lighters, Oven mitts & pot holders (heavy duty), Cutting boards*



Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat will be March 6 - 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. Reserve 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.AT@gmail.com.

Trinity Wallstreet conference 2009 coming to St. Cat's

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, David C. Korten, Néstor O. Míguez, and Miriam MacGillis.

God created the earth and entrusted its care to us. As we rethink how to grow, build, supply, consume, dispose, and recycle everything in our lives, we often fail at partnering with the marginalized and powerless, and thus adversely affect them. Building sustainable communities goes hand-in-hand with thoughtful building of infrastructures and physical spaces. Is there a theological basis for living abun-

CONGREGATIONAL NURSES CORNER

PPV - an important vaccination

The pneumococcal polysaccharide vaccine (PPV) protects against 23 types of pneumococcal bacteria. Pneumococcal disease is a serious disease that causes more deaths in the U.S. each year than all other vaccine-preventable diseases combined. Pneumococcal disease can lead to serious infections of the lungs (pneumonia), the blood (bacteremia), and the covering of the brain (meningitis). Anyone can get the disease, however some are at greater risk, including people 65 and older, the very young, and people with special health problems such as alcoholism, heart or lung disease, kidney failure, diabetes, HIV infection, or certain types of cancer.

Drugs such as penicillin were once effective in treating these infections; but the disease has become more resistant to these drugs. This makes prevention through PPV even more important.

To learn more, ask your doctor or nurse, your local or state health department, or contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), www.cdc.gov/nip



dantly while striving for justice and sustainability?

In 2009, Trinity Institute will explore sustainability through the lens of liberation theology, which views Jesus not only as redeemer but also liberator of the oppressed. Through keynote speeches and panel discussions by leading theologians and grassroots activists, this three-day conference will consider radical ideas about abundance, sustainability, and well-being. Interactive reflection groups throughout will enable you to share your own experiences and solutions with fellow attendees.

Trinity Institute takes place at Trinity Church in New York City, but includes a diverse audience via video webcasts at designated partner sites around the world. A registration fee is required. For information about the conference, go to the website, www.trinitywallstreet.org or talk with Deacon Kathy.

Youth

Be a mentor

The Youth Mentoring Program is looking for adult 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@mindspring.com.

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.

• Christmas Tree/Wreath Pickup

Pick up your Christmas trees and wreaths behind the church on Saturday, Dec. 6, noon to 2 pm, and Sunday, Dec. 7, following 10:30 service until 2 pm. We will have twine to tie the trees to your car and a saw to trim the bottom!

• Secret Santa Dec. 13!!

See flyer in this newsletter to reserve!!

• Youth Christmas Party

The youth Christmas party will be during WNL on Wednesday, Dec. 17, 6:30-7:30 pm. We will have drinks and lots of yummy things to eat. We are also doing a White Elephant gift exchange, bring a small gift (\$5 or less) to exchange. It will be lots of fun!

• Hanging of the Greens

There will be a youth event before Hanging of the Greens on December 21, 3-5 PM. See Amelia for details!



• St. Cat's Youth Alum Open House!

There will be an open house in the Youth House for all St. Cat's Youth Alumni ages 18-30 on Tuesday, December 23, 5-7 pm. Come by to catch up with old friends and see the Youth House! We will have lots of holiday food and drinks so stop by. All youth alumni who have graduated high school are invited!

• Winterlight

Attention all 9th-12th graders! Sign up for Winterlight at Kanuga. Winterlight is a week-long retreat at Kanuga Camp and Conference Center in Hendersonville, NC, for high school youth from all over the country. See Amelia for more information if you are interested in going!

• Coming in January:

- Lock-in January 9, 8 pm to 8 am
- Annual Meeting January 18, Church School at 9-10 am this date

Letters

Dear St Catherine's family,

Thank you so very much for all the prayers, phone calls, presence, cards, flowers and food you provided to care for Jim and me during my recent surgery. Each and every gesture really demonstrated your care, love and support and has made the journey through the procedure so much more pleasant and the recovery significantly easier for me. Thank you for being the warm and caring folks I know you to be. I thank God for your presence in my life.

In God's love,
Joan Nixon

Thank you

Joan and I want to thank all of you who cared for, prayed for, sat with and cooked for us during Joan's recent surgery. Your presence at the hospital, the wonderful meals from the Selby's, Sanders' and Boyd's not only fed us for those few days but for nearly a week after, and the cards and calls and expressions of concern meant a great deal to each of us. We are deeply grateful for this community of faith and the deep and abiding care and love you showered us with during this time.

Fr. Jim





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Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 7, 10:30 am

- **Worship at 7:30 and 10:30 ONLY** — no 8:45 or 11:15 service
- **Church School at 9-10 AM**, plus St. Nicholas Celebration!



We will celebrate Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols for our principal service this Sunday. 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.

Stewardship 2009



We thank everyone who has returned their pledge. If you have not yet done so please consider making a pledge – even if you have not in the past. **Remember, your Vestry will set the budget for 2009 based strictly on pledges received for the coming year.** Please visit the Stewardship web page at www.stcatherines.org to complete the Time and Talent Pledge Card and the 2009 Giving Card, OR printed copies are available at church.

Get your Christmas trees & wreaths



You may pickup your preordered items on Saturday, Dec. 6, 12 noon to 2 PM, or Sunday, Dec. 7, after 10:30 service, through 2 PM. Thank you for your support of our Youth House!