



# The Wheel



## Celebrate Christmas at St. Catherine's

### Christmas Eve

- **5:00 PM — Family Holy Eucharist**

A special music prelude begins fifteen minutes before the service. The worship service starts with the procession at 5:00. All the children are invited to process with the choir and clergy as the baby Jesus makes his way with us to the crèche at the altar. The Youth Choir will share their voices as their Christmas gift to us. The nursery will be available. A festive reception follows in the Parish Hall.

- **10:30 PM — The Christ Mass**

Service begins with our Adult Choir, Organist Jana Williams and special guest string quartet in Vivaldi's "Gloria," 10:30-11:00. The Christ Mass procession starts at 11:00 PM. The solemn and beautiful Christmas

celebration brings the glory of our Anglican tradition to the greatest story ever told as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Following is a festive reception with champagne and an opportunity to wish each other a joyous Christmas.

### Christmas Day

- **One service, 10:30 AM** — We hold our celebration of the incarnation with an intimate and casual service on Christmas morning. One of our wonderful traditions at St. Catherine's is to bring with us our favorite gift to tell about during announcement time. We invite you to bring yours this year and share with us how it has brightened your life as we celebrate the greatest gift of all — Jesus Christ our Savior.

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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!*

*From all of our staff  
we wish you and yours a most blessed and joyous  
Christmas and Christmastide!*

## VESTRY ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following persons who were elected to three-year terms on December 13: **Tanya Bowers-Dean, Eric DeLaBarre, Vic Phillpotts and Sally Powers.**

We also thank **Robbie Roy** and **Harry Tear** for allowing their names to be put in nomination. The Vestry is at the very heart of our life together. Every one of these six individuals willingly offered their time and talents and considerable commitment to our life together. We are deeply grateful for their generosity.



## Blood Drive

**Tuesday, December 22  
2:30 — 7:30 PM  
in the Youth House**

Please take this opportunity to give the gift of life one more time this year—one pint of blood can help save up to three lives! To schedule an appointment go to [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and enter the sponsor code: HOLTRC. All participants will receive an appreciation gift, and may enter a drawing for a pair of roundtrip Delta Airline tickets. For information contact Jennifer Massey at (404) 375-8327.

## Office holiday schedule



The church office will be closed for the holidays on the following dates:

- Dec. 23, 24 and 25
- Dec. 31 and Jan. 1

## Holy Baptism

**Next date:**  
**April 3**

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

## For to us a child is born

One of my favorite Christmas traditions in the church is the Christmas Pageant. Begun in the countryside of Italy outside the gates of Assisi, St. Francis brought the live nativity to illiterate peasants and villagers so that they would know that this baby was born for them—born for all. Books have been written about the chaos surrounding the production of these pageants. Fabulous and hysterical accounts of kids being kids and live animals being live animals have made great stories for many a print page and family gathering. Most amazing to me is how the profound message of God's birth into a broken world shines through the simplicity and chaos of the Christmas Story acted out by children.

St. Catherine's has been given a precious gift which was witnessed for the second year this past Sunday. Zanny Dillson gifted

us with an original Christmas pageant script. As unique as Zanny herself, our pageant showcases the youth of St. Catherine's as angels, shepherds, wise men, sheep, Roman officials, Mary and Joseph, and... the widow and the orphan. In the closing scene, the widow, the orphan, and the roller skating angel, Tardia, come to find a multitude gathered around a manger in a stable. "Wow, so many people here," says the angel, "Oh, well, no problem. There is room for everyone at the manger."

*It is God, the Lord and Creator of all things, who becomes so small here, comes to us in a little corner of the world, unremarkable and hidden away, who wants to meet us and be among us as a helpless, defenseless child.*

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Kathy+

## Prayers of the People

### For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Glenda King, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Marion Stevensky, Olivia Martin, Carol Crosslin, Eddie Brewer, Anita Gardner, Gin Snead, Michele Moody, Tommy Osborn, Dianne Blackshear-Wood, Dick Kareken, Toni Curry, Marian Harrison, Elizabeth Whitton, Joan Thurston, Risa Maier, Cozette Tanner, Woodie Patrick, John Clough, Joe C. Brown, Milt Hayes, Pat Farrell, Bryan Mellinger, Frank Rios, Ben Shushan, Mary Florence Benson, Ryan Clark, Hugh Wolfe, Nick Wolfe, Taylor Baumann, Joyce Harmon, Martha Bertleff, Jimmy Blaisdell, Carrie Gilliam, Charlie Templeton, Garrett Ellington, Barbara Benninghof, Kathleen Williams, Lee Defore, Connie Bergeron, Emma Merselis, Ginny Johnston, Jackie Miller, Agnes Floyd, Brad Corbin, Ralph Greenhow, Margaret Greenhow, Kathleen Pryce, John Hurd, Brian Stringer

### Before Surgery

Jim Kareken, 12/21/2009; Bill Krupp, 1/6/2010

### Deceased

Sarah Forsyth, friend of Paul & Karen Manno; Derrie Gillian, friend of Ginny & Paul Acocella; Frank Sarotte, friend of Arlyn & Ron Cook; Hugh Bush, Carroll Mitchell's father; Neva Edwards, Courtney Shillington's grandmother

### Special Prayers

For Margaret & Bob Bowman

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

**(12/20/09)** Bettye Harris; Judy Harrison, Rob & Claire Harrison, Mitchell & Davis Waldron; Michael, Jeanette, Andrew & Ryan Harrison; Scott, Kris, Gabrielle & Grace Harwell

### Birthdays

(12/21) Bob Olliffe, (12/22) Knox Gale, Will Selby, Brad Corbin, (12/23) Michelle LaGardé, Noelle Mace, James Nesbit, Nathalie Frank, (12/24) Alex Dillson, Eleanore Pearson, (12/25) Ron Greger, Ben Martin, Al Jones, (12/26) Karen Kraeger, (12/27) Deana Cole, Vera Bibbings, (12/28) Ron Bergeron, (12/29) Nat Whitlow, John Christian, (12/30) Nadine Pope, Caroline Spessard, Amy

Hunkler, (12/31) George Alexander, (1/1) Carol Fey, (1/2) Carson Gardner, Scott Heuke, (1/4) Stan Dickson, Todd Magill, Katie Martin, (1/5) Celia Bowers-Dean, (1/6) Karen Ordway, Stephanie Yucius, (1/7) Martha Bowden, Gaby Sutton, Caroline Gardner, Charles Santivanez, Cameron Hollis, Lauren Hollis, (1/10) Sara-Alison Massey, Linda Scott

### Anniversaries

(12/21) Tom & Ann Snead; (12/23) Chris & Jan Potter; (12/27) Walt & Gail McGill; (12/27) Larry & Meg Boyd; (12/27) Donald & Anne Clark

### Special Prayers

Please pray for Pat and Suzanne as they open themselves to find a child to adopt. David Hinshaw & Helena Johnson, out of job, looking for employment, friends of Bill Ivey. Jim Hunkler, looking for employment. For Carrie & David who are adopting a baby girl due to be born around the Seventeenth of December. Rikki Stewart, David Shannonhouse's daughter, who was deployed to Qatar, returning the first week in February.

## LEM training coming up

Training will be scheduled soon to for those who would like to become a Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM). LEMs bring communion to parish members unable to come to church because of illness or infirmity. LEMs have a pastoral role, offering their presence in a way that brings hope and healing to those who may feel isolated or lonely. If you are interested please check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Father Sue.



## Annual Meeting



**Sunday, January 24**

**Worship at 7:30 & 10:30 this day**

The canons of the Church (Canon 31) require that the congregation meet annually on a date appointed by the Vestry. St. Catherine's Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Jan. 24 at 12:30 PM (a light lunch will be served 11:45-12:30 preceding the meeting). There will be only two worship services this day at 7:30 and 10:30 AM, and Church School 9-10 AM.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a time for the congregation to receive reports from the Rector, Senior Warden, Treasurer, and other organizations throughout the parish. It is a time to reflect on the year past and to explore the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in the new year. We hope you will be a part of this most important time in our common life.

## Elizabeth Inn

**Dinner:** Monday, Dec. 28

**Laundry teams:** Dec. 22  
and Dec. 30



Your help is needed! St. Catherine's supplies laundry assistance at MUST's Elizabeth Inn homeless shelter on the 4th Tuesday and 5th Wednesday

each month – December has five Wednesdays this year so we need two laundry groups this month! We also prepare and serve dinner on the 28th of each month.

To volunteer please sign up at the Outreach table opposite the Parlor. Or, for laundry team contact Fred Massey, [f\\_massey2@hotmail.com](mailto:f_massey2@hotmail.com), 404-731-4466 / for dinner contact Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, or Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609.

## Vestry Notes

The Vestry met at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, December 15. At their meeting:

- They welcomed three of the four new Vestry members elected on December 13.
- They received with regret the resignation of **Norma Alexander**. In further action, they appointed **Robbie Roy** to fill Norma's unexpired two-year term.
- They reviewed 2009 finances and heard that we experienced a strong month in November.
- They discussed the 2010 preliminary budget presented by the Finance Team.
- They approved expenditures for Lay Christmas Gifts.



## Financial Peace University

St. Catherine's has "graduated" its first Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University (FPU) class. The course is positively powerful! Are you looking for ways to spend less and eliminate the burden of debt? Do you need guidance on how best to save and invest more of your hard-earned income? Do you want to provide for college educations or to enjoy a long, self-funded retirement? If so, then FPU is for you.

Our second "semester" will be offered Sundays at 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall, starting January 24 and ending May 2 with a two-week Spring Break in April. Phil and Lisa Spessard (students this "semester") have volunteered to moderate the sessions.

To learn more, please stop by our information table between services on Sundays. Thirty-minute Preview Sessions will also be offered in the coming weeks. In the meantime, for questions please contact Phil Spessard at [pspessard@gmail.com](mailto:pspessard@gmail.com) or Peter Morich at [peter.morich@gmail.com](mailto:peter.morich@gmail.com).



## Advent and Christmas at St. Catherine's

- Dec. 20 (Advent 4) – Hanging of the Greens, 5:00-8:00 pm; Giving Tree ingathering
- Dec. 23 – Youth Alumni Open House at Wild Wing, 5:30-8:00 pm
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve: Worship with special music, and Festive Receptions
  - Family Holy Eucharist - Worship begins at 5:00 pm (prelude 4:45 pm)
  - The Christ Mass - Special music prelude (Vivaldi "Gloria") at 10:30, procession begins at 11:00 pm
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day – Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am
- Dec. 27 – Worship at 7:30 and 10:30 ONLY, no Church School – Rector's Open House, 5:00 – 8:00 pm
- Jan. 3 – Worship at 7:30 and 10:30 ONLY, no Church School

### This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 12/21

*Susan's Day Off*

7:00PM ESL  
7:00PM Kneeler Project  
7:30PM B.S. Troop 713

Tuesday, 12/22

7:00AM Eucharist & Study  
10:00AM Morning Prayer  
10:30AM Staff Meeting  
2:30PM Blood Drive  
4:00PM Catechesis  
6:00PM Elizabeth Inn Laundry

Wednesday, 12/23

23rd-25th Office Closed  
5:30AM MUST Breakfast  
5:30PM Youth Alumni  
6:15PM Youth Choir  
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 12/24

5:00PM Family Service, reception  
10:30PM Music prelude  
11:00PM Christ Mass, reception

Friday, 12/25

*Jim's Day Off*

10:30AM Eucharist  
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 12/26

Sunday, 12/27

7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
7:45AM Breakfast  
No Church School  
10:30AM Holy Eucharist  
5:00PM Rector's Open House

Monday, 12/28

*Susan's Day Off*

6:00PM Elizabeth Inn  
6:00PM Great Oak Fund

Tuesday, 12/29

10:00AM Morning Prayer  
10:30AM Staff Meeting  
4:00PM Catechesis

Wednesday, 12/30

9:30AM Bible Study  
6:00PM Elizabeth Inn Laundry

Thursday, 12/31

Office Closed

## St. Cat's Youth Alumni Open House

**Wednesday, December 23, 5:30-8:00 pm at Wild Wing Café** – Drop in any time this evening to say hi and catch up with old friends! All former members of St. Cat's



youth programs ages 18-30 who have graduated high school are invited. Wild Wing is located at 2145 Roswell Road, Marietta 30062.

## Christmas Communion

If you or someone you know someone is ill or shut in and will not be able to attend Christmas Eve or Christmas Day services, please notify the church office so we may schedule a Lay Eucharistic Minister to bring communion to their homes.

## Memory Wreath for Christmas

During the Hanging of the Greens on Dec. 20, we will be placing a Memory Wreath on the gate at the entrance to the Memorial Garden. If you find yourself missing someone special to you who has died, we invite you to bring a small ornament or memento and hang it on the wreath in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Gail McGill.

## Reflection of the Day

Our booklet of reflections written by our own parishioners, one reflection per writer on scriptures from the beginning of Advent through Epiphany. Copies are available at church, and be sure to check our website for your Reflection of the Day!

## Special Christmas Fund

Each Christmas members of the congregation give to a Special Christmas Fund, to support parish members who have suffered in any number of ways, to support them at a time of year when limited resources are painfully evident. We invite you to be a part of this giving. Simply write a check to St. Catherine's and clearly mark it for the Special Christmas Fund. Any amount is gratefully accepted.

## Be an Emmaus Elf



Join us at Emmaus House on Christmas Eve morning to serve as hosts and helpers as the crowd enjoys activities and presents. It's a wonderful time and we would love for you to join us! Please sign up in the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Nadine Pope, ronazaATmindspring.com or 770-973-9057.



**This week at St. Catherine's**

Friday, 1/1

*Jim's Day Off*  
Office Closed

8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 1/2

Sunday, 1/3

7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
8:00AM Breakfast  
No Church School  
10:30AM Choral Holy Eucharist  
4:00PM Youth Leaders  
5:00PM Stephen Ministry

Monday, 1/4

*Susan's Day Off*

Tuesday, 1/5

10:00AM Morning Prayer  
10:30AM Staff Meeting  
4:00PM Catechesis

Wednesday, 1/6

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

Thursday, 1/7

6:30PM EFM  
7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 1/8

*Jim's Day Off*

8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 1/9

9:00AM Safeguarding God's  
Children  
9:00AM The Coracle  
12:00PM Bergeron Event

Sunday, 1/10

7:30AM Holy Eucharist  
8:00AM Breakfast  
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist  
10:00AM Church School  
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist  
1:00PM YP Get to Know You

## Men's Bible Study

The next session of the men's weekly Bible study will be on the book of Matthew. We will meet Thursdays, 7 - 8:30 PM, for 13 weeks beginning January 7. The Student Guide is written by the late Dr. Van Bogard Dunn, Professor Emeritus and Dean Emeritus at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. He had a long career as professor and student of the New Testament and died preaching in December 1994. The cost of the guide is \$8.00.

All men are invited to join us. Please sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact

Tom Snead, tom.snead@earthlink.net, soon so he can order these books.



## A Way to Serve

### Parish Facilities & Administration

This month the Parish Facilities and Administration Ministries are our ministry team focus, and we get to tell you about how we serve.

In addition to our wonderful clergy and staff, some of your fellow parishioners help with essential tasks that make our church go:

- We maintain our buildings and grounds, our web site, our sound systems, our IT infrastructure
- We publish important communications like *The Wheel*
- We volunteer to help in the church office
- We help with human resource needs. We have fun.

These areas are second nature to homeowners and business workers and we welcome your expertise. If you don't have the experience, we can show you how. The folks who head these ministries are identified in the Ministries Directory, or ask Al Jones, 770.565.1013, who is the convener. Would you like to join us?

## The Coracle in the new year

*The Coracle* will offer the following spiritual formation opportunities beginning in January. Sign up now on the Opportunities for Ministry in your bulletin or contact Deacon Kathy for more information.

- **Understanding Christian Spirituality** — 2nd Saturdays, 9 am—noon, Jan.—May. Topics include: Introduction to Christian Spirituality, Image of God, and Native American and Celtic Spiritualities. Program fee is \$100 plus books.
- **Contemplative Prayer** — Sundays 5-7 pm, Jan. 10 through Feb. 14. Participants will be introduced to several contemplative prayer models including Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer. No program fee. Regular attendance is expected in order to receive the most benefit from this class.
- **Parenting: A Sacred Path** — Mondays 7-9 pm, Jan. 25-March 8. This program is intended toward fostering a n awareness of one's personal spiritual journey in the context of parenting. Program fee is \$80.
- **Exploring Your Creative Spirit** — Saturday, February 20, 9 am to 2 pm. Special one-day workshop to explore your creative spirit in a variety of media. No program fee.

## Career Ministry



If you are on a career journey and could benefit from educational programs as well as emotional and spiritual support, and valuable resources, see what we have to offer through Career Ministry. We sponsor meetings on the third Thursday of the month, November - May. Each session is in the Parish Hall, 7 - 9 PM and includes a guest speaker. This group is open to all in the community! For more information contact us at: career.ministry@stcatherines.org. Programs coming up:

- **Jan. 21:** Guest Speaker Jim Browning  
Topic: "LinkedIn"
- **Feb. 18:** Guest Speaker Ruthie Powell  
Topic: "The Ruthie List Theory & Many Common Mistakes Made by Job Seekers"

## New CN&D offerings coming

Watch for announcement of new adult Church School class offerings for the winter and spring sessions, and for a very special Wednesday evening series being planned for Lent.

## Flowers & Candles

The 2010 schedule is now available in the foyer for you to sign up to dedicate altar flowers or candles in memory of thanksgiving for a loved one. And, please remember if you signed up for 2009 to send your payment to the church office ASAP if you have not yet done so. Flowers are \$60 per vase and candles are \$20 each. Thank you!



## CONGREGATIONAL NURSES CORNER

### About Shingles

Shingles is a skin rash caused by the same virus that causes chickenpox. After an individual has chickenpox, this virus lives in the nervous system and is never fully cleared from the body. Under certain circumstances such as emotional stress, immune deficiency (e.g. AIDS or chemotherapy) or cancer, the virus reactivates causing shingles. Anyone who has ever had chickenpox is at risk for shingles, although it occurs most often over age 60.

Seeing your doctor right away if you suspect you have shingles is very important! There are several effective treatments. Drugs can reduce the severity and duration of the rash if started early (within 72 hours of the appearance of the rash). The addition of steroid drugs may have limited benefit in some cases. In addition to antiviral medication, pain medications may be needed for symptom control.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a vaccine that may



help prevent shingles or make it less painful if you do get it. One dose is recommended for adults 60 years and older. It's not known if the vaccine will prevent shingles from occurring again. If you have never had chickenpox, you may

avoid getting the virus that causes both chickenpox and later shingles by receiving the varicella vaccine. Ask your doctor for recommendations.

If you have never had chickenpox, avoid contact with people who have shingles or chickenpox. Fluid from shingles blisters is contagious, and exposure to it can cause chickenpox (but not shingles). If you develop shingles, avoid close contact with people until after the rash blisters heal. It is especially important to avoid contact with people at special risk from chickenpox or shingles, such as:

- Pregnant women, infants, children, or anyone who has never had chickenpox.
- Anyone currently ill.
- Anyone with a weak immune system (such as someone with HIV infection or diabetes).

## Christmas Pageant: "At Long Last Christmas!"



## Computers wanted

Are you planning to replace a computer with a shiny new one soon? The church office is in need of one or two Windows PC desktop computers in good working condition. Here are the system capabilities of what would be useful to us: Dual CPUs or dual core CPU 2 GHz or faster, AMD or Intel; memory – 2 GB or more; disk – 160 GB or more; monitor – not required, 19" or larger flat screen if included; Windows XP Professional license (CD not needed).

If you have a system you would consider donating please contact St. Catherine's IT Committee Chair, Paul Manno, at [pmannoATgmail.com](mailto:pmannoATgmail.com). (Your staff requests that computers and other items *not* be dropped off at church without first checking with us to see if it fits our current needs.)

## Letters

Dearest Ones,

Mere words cannot begin to express the depth and breadth of my gratitude for all of your loving care following my fall in Ireland, where I broke my arm at the shoulder. I was less than 12 hours back in the United States when I received an early morning call from Amy Morris asking, not if, but when Sunshine could start bringing us meals. They have been a delicious and nourishing God-send to us, when cooking one-handed would have been quite a challenge. Because of the medication I had to take for pain, I wasn't able to drive to work or physicians' appointments, but so many of you stepped right up to see that I got safely where I needed to be. Then get well cards began coming, along with all of your other personal expressions of love, concern, prayers for healing and offers of assistance that have cheered me up when dealing with this injury might have otherwise been discouraging. Most recently, the Daughters of the King surprised me with the beautiful gift of a prayer shawl to wrap me in love and prayer for continued healing. I have a new appreciation for anyone living with a disability and now know what a difference it makes in that person's life when they are supported by others. I have been deeply touched by each and every one of your acts of loving kindness. You have enfolded me in your love and I know it is hastening my recovery. I am truly blessed and profoundly grateful.

Love, love, love....

*Susan+*

Dear Friends at St. Catherine's,

Thank you for your generous support. This is a great time of the year. It's great to see so many of the guys (and now women) get excited about spending time with their children for the holidays. For nearly all of them this will be the first time in many years. Your support helps bring those families together and helps give them hope for the new year. Thanks again!

Sincerely,

*Jenna (for The Exension)*



Thank you, Georgia Festival Chorus, for filling our hearts and our sanctuary with such lovely sounds [in the concert on December 6]. It was a great event to get everyone into the Christmas mood and jump start our spirits. The numbers that you sang while surrounding the entire Church were absolutely wonderful. We appreciate the time that you donate to practices and traveling to make this happen. For those who did not attend the concert and would like to hear more....the CDs are a wonderful way to recollect and revisit this memorable gift given to us by the Georgia Festival Chorus.

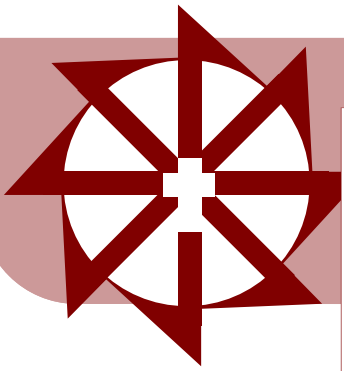
*Eleanore Pearson*

Hello Youth, Parents and Leaders,

[12/8/09 ] As many of you already know, Lucy was born about three weeks ago! She is doing well and Mike and I are starting to settle into our new role as parents. I just wanted to say thank you to the many people who have e-mailed, called, and sent cards, we feel so loved by St. Catherine's and the youth and parents in particular ... I will be out of the office on maternity leave until January 11th, if you need anything between now and then please contact any member of the youth committee, Keith Dumke, Ellis Kilgore, Gina Baumann, or Lee Ann Sherry, or Father Jim.

Thanks again and I can't wait to see everyone when I get back!

*Amelia Arthur*



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## Mark Your Calendars

12/22 ... Eucharist & Study  
12/22 .... Elizabeth Inn laundry  
12/23 .... Youth Alumni Open House @ Wild Wing  
12/24 ... Christmas Eve services  
12/25 .... Christmas Day service  
12/27, 1/3 ... Worship times  
7:30 & 10:30 ONLY  
12/27 .... Rector's Open House  
12/28 .... Elizabeth Inn dinner  
12/30 .... Elizabeth Inn laundry  
1/6 ..... Epiphany; WNL resumes  
1/10 ... Church School resumes

## The Wheel

Next Publications:  
Jan. 8, Jan. 22, Feb. 5  
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Wednesday before

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## Hanging of the Greens



**Sunday, Dec. 20, 5-8 PM**

Join us to decorate the church for Christmas. Be sure to bring your friends and family (nursery available for little ones during the work time). We can use every hand!

**Please bring a finger dessert to share, and an ornament to represent your family** on the parish Christmas tree (write your names on it, unbreakable type preferred). 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 the sanctuary at 7:00 to sing carols, then finish the evening with dessert. See you there!

## Giving Tree

**Items due Sunday, Dec. 20**

*Please bring your wrapped gift to our Giving Tree with the ornament tag fastened to it. Thank you!*

## Year End/New Year!

• **All donations to the church for 2009** must be postmarked no later than December 31.

• Please turn in any **invoices and requests for reimbursement for 2009 expenses** to the office by December 31.

• **Annual Reports due by January 10**  
We will gladly accept them as soon as possible! We really want to have all groups and ministries included this year. Please send them by email if at all possible to [rosewolfe@bellsouth.net](mailto:rosewolfe@bellsouth.net) (contact Rose if you would like a copy of last year's report.)

• **Stewardship Pledges still needed**  
We thank all who have pledged to the church for 2010. If you have not yet done so please consider making a pledge, whether or not you have in the past. Your Vestry sets the budget for 2010 based strictly on pledges received *now*, so each one is vital. Please contact the church office for pledge forms or print one from our website, and return them as soon as possible.





## *Merry Christmas*

*We invite you to our home  
for our annual  
Rector's Open House  
on*

*The Third Day of Christmas  
Sunday, December 27, 2009  
from  
5:00 to 8:00 PM*

*Jim and Joan Nixon  
2700 Bennington Dr. NE, Marietta, GA*

*We love children but have found that this evening  
is not a time they enjoy*

