

The Wheel

Stewardship 2009

By Mark Blythe

We have now entered our 3rd segment of our year round campaign — Stewardship of Resources. Our theme this year is "Today's Gifts...Tomorrows' Hope." We have an exciting calendar of events upcoming and it is our sincere hope that we can spend some time together over the coming weeks continuing our year round discussion of stewardship.

• 2009 Cottage Meetings — October



Sign ups begin this Sunday and will continue thru Sept 27. Our host families have set aside 24 opportunities throughout the month of October for us to come together as a congregation to discuss... in ultimate comfort I might add...the Stewardship of Resources. A table will be set up in the foyer for your convenience.

• Stewardship Instruction Day All Saints Day — November 1

Christian Nurture and Development, the Stewardship Committee, staff and clergy have deemed All Saints Day-Nov 1st Stewardship Instruction Day. All services and Church School classes (Catechesis-Young Lambs thru Level III and all Adult classes) will coordinate their program discussions around stewardship. As part of our year round program, we felt that a day dedicated to discussing the following points as a congregation could be invaluable:

1. What is a steward?
2. What makes me a steward?
3. What gifts do I have to offer?
4. How can I offer these gifts?
5. What is my responsibility as a steward?
6. Am I a steward?

We will have specially designed pledge cards to send home with our youth to allow parents to continue this all important discussion at home.

• Stewardship Pledge Ingathering — Sunday, November 8

Wednesday Night Live begins Sept. 23!

New early program added
for young families!



See page 4 inside for:

- Program offerings
- Dinner details
- New time schedule

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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!

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, Oct. 3, 10:00 AM

Bring your pet for a blessing under the Big Oak Tree! This day commemorates St. Francis of Assisi, who dedicated his life to peace, caring for the poor, and teaching respect for all God's creatures. St. Francis had a special affinity for animals. He reminds us of the importance of our relationships with all of God's creation.



Remember to bring your pet leashed or caged as appropriate. A few treats for dogs and cats will be provided.



Flu shots



Flu shots will be given by our Congregational Nurses, available to all over age 18, after services on October 11, 18, and 26. This is the regular seasonal flu immunization, not the H1N1 vaccine. The cost will be \$25.00, or Medicare part B accepted with your card.

Carnival & Ministry Fair success!

Rally Day Carnival and Ministry Fair were a great success! Thanks to everyone who worked and attended! We had over 200 people from the church, preschool, and Marietta community. Look for reflections and pictures of the weekend in the next eWheel, coming Oct. 2!



Holy Baptism

Next date: Nov. 1

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

What is real?

Do you remember the wonderful story, *The Velveteen Rabbit*? One of my favorites. The story is about a little boy and a stuffed rabbit who ask and answer this question together, "what is real?"

I've been asking the very same question these past few days as I re-enter life at St. Catherine's. As I was reflecting on returning to the "real" world of traffic, meetings, deadlines, etc. of life in Marietta in general and St. Catherine's specifically, a friend asked me, "are you sure this is real?" Great question! It made me think! Maybe life in the slower lane as I experienced it on MacMahan Island is the real world and this world here in Georgia – or any place off that island – is some world we've created in our minds as important – but masking the real life God has given us.

The real life, then, may be a life with time

to share with friends laughing and telling stories and weeping about lost loved ones, time to read a book or two or three or more, time to write notes to loved ones and friends, time to walk in the great outdoors, time to enjoy doing nothing, time to enjoy worshiping and preaching and celebrating without the pressure of what's happening after the last worship service. And all of this with time left over.

Now to be sure – you are right in your thinking – we each create our own world. And yes, I do have choices! Yet even in making some of those choices there is an artificiality to the hectic-ness of life I experience in the day-to-day in Marietta. And yes, of course, you are right that the church plays a role in that, as it should given the size of St. Catherine's and the vitality of our ministries. But the school and work and volun-

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Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Sharon Parisi, Lillian Vu, Tom Carter, Glenda King, Pia Johanson, The Rev. Patty Roberts, Lorraine Brown, Marion Stevensky, Olivia Martin, Rebecca Aggett, Carol Crosslin, Hugh Wolfe, Joy Hurd, Bob Davis, Gail McGill, Judith Phillips, Becky Jones, Ruth Kell, Susie Davis, Steve Diffley, Libby Rouleau, Eddie Brewer, Kitty Diffley, Anita Gardner, Earl Layton, Bill Marshall, Brad Lowe, Margie Cook, Carol Carpenter, Don Thomas, Stephanie Walsh, Pat M., Bill Krupp, Zanny Dillson, Betty Kaspereit, Mrs. Buchheit, Walter Ullrich, Rob, Julia, Katherine, Agnes Floyd, Gin Snead, Richard Carter, Tammy Osborn, Elizabeth White, Dallas Ryder, Dee Gay, Melissa Bryan, Angela Williams, Merrill King, Evan Walker

Before Surgery

Doris Lummus, 10/9/09, Scott Lummus's mother

Deceased

Rebecca Brooks Shaw, wife of Margaret Shaw's cousin; Peter Coraggio, Sue Snape's uncle.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

(9/27) Richard & Linda Carter; Tillie Carter; Greg & Margaret Caudle; Alan & Nancy Certain; Tim, Beth Anne & Patrick Chalk
(10/4) Stacey, Dana, Davis & Jack Champion; Mark, Shirley & Rachel Childs; Donald & Anne Clark, Manuela Luger & Alexandria Brooks; Jennifer, Chad & Kendall Cook; Kris, Lisa & Ethan Cook

Birthdays

(9/21) Jeffrey Tindall, Jay Hendricks; (9/22) Donna Green, Ben Hilley; (9/23) Jim Greene, Marshall Jones; (9/24) Libby Rouleau, Lauren Tear; (9/25) Bette Hamilton, Vic Phillpotts, Charles Mace; (9/26) Mel Paris; (9/27) Susan Martin, Farrell Martin, Katherine Tanner, Harrison Long, Elizabeth Lee; (9/28) Justin Alexander, Stephenie Blythe, Justin Blythe; (9/29) Peter Morich, Trenholm Fahy; (9/30) Robbie Selby, Henry Gary, Bryce Pyburn; (10/1) Julia Denton, Nathan Tomchik, Nancy Perkins, Cole Nabinger, Richard Pearson; (10/2) Ansley Bayless, Sue Jones, David Yucius; (10/3)

Delicia Reily, Andrew Benton; (10/4) Rusty Bird, Abby Baumann, Allison Dupuis

Anniversaries

(9/21) David & Emilie McLaughlin; (9/25) Susan & Art Bayless; (9/25) Connie & Ron Bergeron; (9/30) Ed & Tracey Pitts; (10/2) Jim & Laurie Dirksen; (10/2) Kathleen & Philip Hamilton; (10/4) Edwina Tims & Brad Corbin

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 the family of Sue Snape on the death of her uncle.

Transfer In

Jim, Amy & Claire Hunkler from St. James' Episcopal Church, Marietta, Georgia

Transfer Out

Tracey O'Toole to St. Columba's Church, Suwanee, Georgia

Invitation Training Lunch

Sunday, Sept. 27

All who signed up OR wishes to be a Shepherd, Porch Visitor, Bread Baker, Greeter or Getting to Know You Team member— please come to our training luncheon immediately after the 11:15 service in the Parish Hall. Join us so we will be ready for our Newcomer Sunday in October. Babysitting will be available. Contact Maureen Donoghue if you have any questions, georgiaddonoghues@comcast.net.

Welcoming Coffee

Sunday, Oct. 11, 10 AM

All newcomers and visitors at St. Catherine's are cordially invited to a "get acquainted" coffee in the Parish Hall during the Church School hour with coffee, goodies and conversation about our programs, services and ministries. This is a social as well as informative gathering. Clergy and lay leaders will be present to answer questions.



Men's Book Study

Beginning October 12

Our Men's Book Study will begin our fall study on Monday, October 12 at 6:30 pm at John Brook's home. Our book this year will be *Where God Was Born: A Daring Adventure Through the Bible's Greatest Stories* by Bruce Feiler. This is absorbing blend of travelogue, history, Bible commentary, memoir, current events and passionate preaching. What differentiates Feiler from most other Bible commentators is that he actually visits the places he describes, despite suicide bombers, insurgents, fundamentalists and his very worried family back home. From a review by Warren Kelly on Amazon.com, where you can purchase the book for \$11.66, we learn it *...takes us on a journey that is both physical and spiritual. From the outset, we encounter an Israel that is very different from the one we see in Feiler's other books... The theme that seems to run through each of Feiler's books is a quest for unity in the midst of diversity. Feiler treats the Bible with great respect, often skewering liberal criticisms of the texts, but just as often questioning conservative interpretations.*

Come join us for dinner and an invigorating discussion. All men of the parish are invited to join us. Simply let John know (johnbrooks@bellsouth.net) that you'll be attending so that we have plenty of food.

By Father Jim



Grief Support group

Remembering those we have loved and lost... Recognizing that grief is a difficult journey, we are offering a grief support group which will meet on Mondays, October 5, 12, 19, 26 and on November 2, from 6:30 PM until 8 PM. Often people find comfort and strength in hearing others' stories and in sharing their own. The sessions will offer information about the grieving process. If you have lost a loved one, we invite you to attend. The group will be led by Gail McGill. Please sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or for information contact Gail at 770-971-8890.

Understanding Christian Spirituality

"Understanding Christian Spirituality" is an 8 month program intended to introduce participants to Christian spiritual thought through study, lectures, and small and large group discussion. We will meet the second Saturday each month, 9am to 2pm beginning in October. Program fee is \$175.00 plus books – a \$25 registration fee is applicable to your program fee. Sign up on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Deacon Kathy Holman, kdh53@bellsouth.net. Registration forms are also outside her office

Marriage Journey Kick-off Dinner

Saturday, September 26, 7:00 pm

Throughout a marriage, husbands and wives find themselves evaluating whether or not their relationship is growing the way they and God want it to grow. Marriage Journey is a Ministry focused on growing your marriage in a spiritual environment while building community and fellowship. Married couples and couples preparing to marry interested in joining or continuing in a group are invited.

Join Fr. Jim and Joan on Sept. 26 in the Parish Hall for an Informational Kick-off and forming of our groups for the school year. Please bring a side dish. RSVP on the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Peter and Colleen Morich for information.

What is real? (cont'd)

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teerism and board membership play a role as well.

I think it's good to ponder that question – what is real? – when I find my life more controlled by the Palm Pilot than my desire to stop and smell the roses with a friend, my spouse, my kids, or just by myself. I think I'll be working on stopping by the rose bed a bit more than I have over the past few years.

Jim

WNL begins Sept. 23

Wednesday Night Live (WNL) is back for the fall! This year we have added a new program in consideration of our families with young children.



Early Program — 5:00-5:45

This time is particularly designed for families who wish to arrive before dinner, have programs for both adults and children, share dinner together and get home for early bed times.

- Adult program: “Authentic Relationships” — The adults will use a small-group study from Serendipity House which “foster authentic Christian community, interactive Bible discovery, and dramatic life change.” In this 13-week study of their topic, “Authentic Relationships,” we will explore how to get beyond the superficial to genuine relationships. Together we’ll learn how to develop friendships with genuineness, loyalty, trust, forgiveness, support, and confidence. Cost of the materials will be \$7.50 per person.

- Children's program — For kindergarten through 5th grade, ages 4-11, in the pre-school room across from the nursery. Each week a classic children's book will be read and the children will do a craft and activity based on the book.



Dinner — 5:45-6:30

Be sure to make reservations weekly in the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact the church office by 2 pm on Tuesday. Join your fellow parishioners for food and fellowship. Each week a delicious dinner will be served. Kid-friendly selections are always available. Meals will be catered by various restaurants and throughout the year St. Cat's own Celebrity Chefs will delight us with their fabulous cooking! Prices are \$7 for adults and kids 12 and up, \$3 for kids under 12, \$1 for peanut butter & jelly. \$25 maximum per family. Menus for the next several weeks include:

- Sept. 23—Catered by BBQ 1: Beef and Chicken BBQ, Mac & Cheese, Collard Greens, Cole Slaw, Fresh Fruit & Dessert
- Sept. 30—Celebrity Chef Cy Cardona
- October 7 — Celebrity Chefs Tami Mace & Cindy Tuemmler



Evening Program — 6:30-7:30pm

Programs for all ages: adult, youth, and children!

For Adults — What is the importance of the storied persons in the Old Testament and Gospels? This fall we will journey through a 12 session study on Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Elijah, and Ruth; Peter; Mary and Martha; James, Brother of Jesus; Priscilla; Lazarus; and Mary, Mother of Jesus. Each session provides a summary of the life of the person and his or her importance in the unfolding revelatory plan of God. Just like all human beings, none was perfect, but each of their lives provides lessons that have been learned by successive generations of faithful people intent on listening for God's call and action in their own lives.

These studies will be independent so if you miss a week it won't be a problem. But, of course, as with all things the more you attend the more sense of a pattern in the stories will emerge. Who knows—we may find we have more in common with these folks than many of us might have considered.

For Youth — All youth in grades 6-12 are invited. We meet in the Youth House, see more on page 7!

For Children — For kindergarten through 5th grade, ages 4-11. The evening children's program will be held in the parlor and will allow children to do homework, read, or watch movies under adult supervision. The nursery will be available for children under 4.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 9/21

Susan's Day Off

5:30PM Stewardship
6:30PM Coracle Board
7:00PM ESL
7:00PM Kneeler Project
7:30PM B.S. Troop 713

Tuesday, 9/22

10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting/Lunch
5:30PM Career Ministry

Wednesday, 9/23

5:30AM MUST Breakfast
9:30AM Bible Study
10:00AM Parenting: A Sacred Path
4:00PM Art Class
5:00PM WNL Program
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL Program
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 9/24

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

Friday, 9/25

Jim's Day Off

10:00AM Women's Bible Study
8:00PM A.A.
9:00PM Youth Lock-In

Saturday, 9/26

7:00PM Marriage Journey

Sunday, 9/27

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
12:30PM Invitation Training/Lunch
4:30PM YF Picnic@East Cobb Park
5:00PM Contemplative Prayer
5:30PM Financial Peace

Ministry Focus

This month we celebrate our **Christian Nurture and Development Ministry Team**. To find out more please check the Opportunities for Ministry or contact convenor Ellis Kilgore.

Vestry Notes

From the Vestry meeting on Sept. 15:

- The Great Oak Fund continues to finalize implementation plans. More information coming soon.
- The building mortgage has been placed with BB&T.
- The new accounting system training will begin in early October with full implementation by January 2010.



Grounds Team: workers wanted

Well, here's the final installment from those funny guys who are trying to recruit for the Grounds Teams.

"Rooters" – Special to *The Wheel* – September 14, 2009

"Rooters" has learned that the strike by Grounds Team Workers' Local 666 of the IBECGTW has been settled. Both sides have claimed victory. Speaking off the record, a management representative said that all along management's core issue was they would not accept a contract that had incentive compensation that was not tied to base salary. "The union has settled without a change to our current salary, bonus and benefits formula, and that's exactly what we wanted." When asked to comment, Mel Paris, one of the more vocal picketers on Sunday morning, said "We got what we wanted – a commitment to new management – the problem all along was the supervision." Another striker was overheard saying "It took three days, but it's a whole new world now!" "Rooters" was able to reach Ron Brannock, who has been at an undisclosed location throughout the negotiations, and he confirmed that he will be resigning "to pursue other opportunities." When asked to comment, Mr. Brannock said "I feel like this has been going on since the year King Uzziah died, so I'm happy to be moving on." There are rumors that the union is continuing its recruitment drive.



Letters

Dear St. Catherine's Friends & Family,

I just wanted to think you all so much for your prayers, well wishes and support, for me, as well as my family during my surgery and recovery. It was such a comfort to me to spend time with Susan right before going into surgery. (Your visit meant a lot to me.) I also want to thank the Sonshine committee for the delicious meals provided for our family! They were all delicious and so very much appreciated!

*Much love to all,
Libby Rouleau and family*

Needlework Brigade Report

By Bill & Beverly Fambrough

Sunday, September 13th at the Ministry Fair marked an exciting milestone in the Altar Kneeler project where the Needlepoint Brigade went over the 50% sponsored level. We set up the display table having seven altar rail kneelers sponsored and ended the day with six additional altar rail kneelers sponsored giving us a total to date of thirteen.

For the first time, the display area had a large graphical banner showing the altar layout and where each of the 22 kneelers will be placed and the theme of each kneeler. Eleven Old Testament kneelers and eleven New Testament kneelers were described. Adding to the interest level of those visiting our display were the first two clergy party kneelers that had been stitched and finished by our upholsterer, Corn Upholstery. These were St. Catherine and St. Mark. For the first time, the members of the congregation could see and touch the finished work of our dedicated stitchers. Susan Jablonski stitched St. Mark and Julie Brannock stitched St. Catherine.

The highlight of the day was the unveiling of the most recent canvas from our designer, Sheilah Anne Oscher of Ft. Worth Texas. It is Noah's Ark (below) and will be stitched by Courtney Shillington. And to answer the question, yes, Noah is already sponsored.



Remember, this project has no funding from the church so if it is to happen, it will be up to the members of the congregation to get behind the project and sponsor a kneeler. What better way to honor a loved one or family member?

While we were overjoyed with the results from the Ministry Fair, we need additional sponsors so that all 22 kneelers are spoken for. Please support your church by participating in this worthy endeavor. The cost is \$400 now and \$400 when it is sent to Corn Upholstery for finishing; estimated to be between 12 – 18 months from now.

This week at St. Catherine's

Monday, 9/28

Susan's Day Off
6:00PM Elizabeth Inn
7:00 PM ESL
7:30PM Boy Scouts Troop 713

Tuesday, 9/29

10:00AM Morning Prayer
10:30AM Staff Meeting
6:30PM Conveners

Wednesday, 9/30

9:30AM Bible Study
10:00AM Parenting: A Sacred Path
4:00PM Art Class
5:00PM WNL Program
5:45PM WNL Dinner
6:15PM Youth Choir
6:30PM WNL Program
7:30PM Adult Choir

Thursday, 10/1

Cursillo Weekend
9:00AM Catechesis Level 3
1:15PM Preschool Staff Meeting
6:30PM EFM
7:00PM Men's Bible Study

Friday, 10/2

Jim's Day Off
9:00AM Catechesis Level 3
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
8:00PM A.A.

Saturday, 10/3

9:00AM Catechesis Level 3
10:00AM Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, 10/4

7:30AM Holy Eucharist
8:00AM Breakfast
8:45AM Family Holy Eucharist
10:00AM Church School
11:15AM Choral Holy Eucharist
12:30PM Catechesis Level 3
5:00PM Stephen Ministry
5:30PM Financial Peace

Praying for Pars

Our final golf outing of the year will be Sunday, Oct. 18. Let's go to the early church service together and eat breakfast in the Parish Hall, before heading out for a 10:00am tee time. Please confirm by the Sunday one week before each outing, email Walt McGill at wsmcgillATaol.com, 770-971-8890.

Elizabeth Inn



Next date:
**Monday,
Sept. 28** —

Volunteers are needed on the 28th of every month. Please sign up on the Outreach table in the foyer or contact: Dinner Team: Connie Bergeron, 770-951-1411, and Tracy Buckalew, 770-956-9609. Overnight Team: Frederick Massey.

Biltmore trip

Spaces still available! Cats on Wheels, our active seniors group, is sponsoring a trip to Asheville December 8-10 to the Biltmore Estate and more. Adults over age 18 are invited, including non-parishioners. Get details from st.cats.on.wheelsATgmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL NURSES CORNER

Fourth in a series of five articles on alcohol dependency by Nancy Certain, RN:

Sometime during the middle stages of alcoholism, the alcohol dependent person loses control. As he progressively loses control over his drinking, he is no longer able to restrict it to socially and culturally accepted times and places. He often drinks more than he intended, and the drinking continues despite extremely punishing consequences. His drinking behavior can no longer be disguised as normal or even heavy drinking. His inability to stop drinking—despite his firm resolution that he will stop after one or two—is striking confirmation that he is physically addicted to alcohol.

During the middle stages of alcoholism, the addict begins to feel profound shame. Remorse, self-loathing and guilt are constant companions. They may swear to themselves, their wives, children, boss, clergymen or anyone else concerned with their drinking that they will control their intake. But their addiction makes certain that they will drink in spite of their best intentions and heartfelt promises. No wonder many of the people who observe his behavior believe that he is psychologically unstable, self-destructive and perhaps suicidal and alcohol abuser has no way of knowing that his irrational behavior is beyond his control.

Without looking through a microscope and seeing the destruction in his body, his physical dependence on alcohol can be defined as a pattern of use leading to significant impairment or distress marked by three or more of the following occurring at any time in the same 12 month period:

1. Tolerance – needing more and more alcohol to get a buzz
2. Withdrawal symptoms – tremors, nausea, headache
3. Taking the substance in larger amounts or over a longer period than intended
4. A desire or efforts to cut back
5. Large amounts of time spent obtaining, using or recovering from the substance
6. Giving up social, work or recreational activities because of use
7. Continues use regardless of its worsening of a physical or psychological problem



Sunday Announcements: new policy



We have taken some time to reflect on the place of announcements in our worship. We believe these announcements contribute to the sense of communal responsibility for our ministry, are informative, and bring joy to our time together at St. Catherine's. As a way of being good stewards of our time, we are re-instituting announcements by individual members of the congregation with some simple guidelines:

1. The announcement must be sent to and approved by the Rector not later than Thursday afternoon.
2. You must use the microphone in making an announcement (training is free and available).
3. We ask you to keep your announcement short and to the point.
4. Only one announcement by an individual per week (in addition to Vestry Person of the Day announcements).
5. Only one announcement per activity.

Flu Season - stay healthy!

Influenza, including H1N1 flu, is a respiratory disease that spreads from person to person. The main symptoms are fever, cough and sore throat. If you or a member of your family should show these symptoms, contact your health care provider for evaluation. You can help prevent the spread of the disease by following healthy practices such as:

- Stay home from school or work if ill, remaining at home until fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
- Avoid close contact with those who are ill.
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizers often.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. Then clean your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Practice good health habits, i.e., get plenty of sleep, physical activity, fluids, nutritious eating and manage stress.
- Get your seasonal flu vaccine as soon as it is available.

For more flu information: www.flu.gov

Youth

Join Choir

You're invited!

* **Youth Choir:** The Youth Choir meets Wednesdays for rehearsals 6:15-7:30 and welcomes all young people in grades 2-10, boys with unchanged voices and all girls. In addition to the established Youth Choir, we have a **new training choir for 1st Graders.** For more information, contact Ms. Martha at martha_bowden@bellsouth.net.

* **Adult Choir:** Adults, and all youth past the age for Youth Choir, please join us. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings, 7:30 - 8:45 p.m. and meet at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays to prepare for 11:15 a.m. services. Sight-reading ability, while helpful, is not required. Contact director Brian Williams or speak to any choir member.

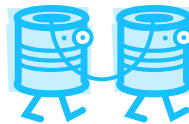
- **Youth WNL Begins September 23 6:30-7:30pm**

We will kick off our WNL program on Wednesday, September 23rd from 6:30-7:30pm in the youth house. Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome and encouraged to attend! We will have time for fellowship and fun as well as for sharing about our highs and lows from the week.



- **Back-to-School Lock-in September 25**

The youth back to school Lock-in is next weekend, September 25-26th, from 9pm-8am. We will meet in the Parish Hall at 9pm to begin our evening of Pump-it-Up, Bowling, Marietta Diner, and Underground Church. The cost of the evening is \$20 per person. We hope to have many youth attend the evening and we ask that you RSVP to Amelia by Wednesday, September 23rd.



- **Church School Begins Sept. 20**

Church school for the youth will begin on Sunday, September 20th from 10-11am in the youth house. We will begin the church school year with breakfast and fellowship as well as a special welcome back!

- **1000 Cans by Thanksgiving**

The youth will launch a canned food drive beginning Sunday, September 20th and running until Sunday, November 29th. Our goal is to collect 1000 cans of food. Youth are encouraged to bring a can of food to each youth event (church school, WNL, Lock-in, etc) between now and the Sunday after Thanksgiving. The food will be donated to the warehouse at MUST Ministries to be distributed to the MUST locations throughout the Atlanta area. Start by bringing a can of food to church school this week, help us meet our goal! We will be collecting the food by class and the class that collects the most food will get a prize in December.

Children's Chapel Assistants

Here is your chance to get to know the youngest members of our Congregation and the easiest volunteering you will ever do. Adults young and old are needed to sit with us during Children's Chapel at the 8:45am service. All you need to bring is a sense of calm and a willingness to let the Holy Spirit fill us. Assistants will be required to attend a "Safeguarding God's Children" training session and your time commitment will depend on the number of volunteers - hopefully just one Sunday per quarter. Please check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or email Mary Lou Shannon-house at mshannon@colpipe.com.



Young Families Back to School Picnic

Sunday, September 27

Join us at East Cobb Park, 4:30-6:30 PM in the large pavilion near the playground. Pack a picnic and drop by to play and socialize.

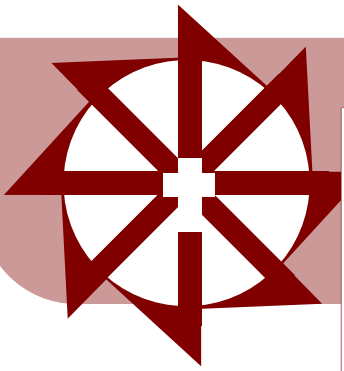
ESL classes in session

Help us get the word out! Our classes are each Monday, 7:00-8:15 pm in the Youth House. We would love to have flyers in local businesses and schools near St. Catherine's. If you would like to help by posting some, please contact Lu Dumke, ldumke@bellsouth.net, 404-731-9874 and let her know which language (English, Spanish, Portuguese) and where you plan to post them. She will e-mail you the MS Word file to print



WNL help needed

We are looking for volunteers to help out with the WNL children's programs at either of the two times, 5-5:45 or 6:30-7:30. We hope to make this on a rotating basis, once every two months. If you are interested please contact Amelia Arthur at amelia@stcatherines.org.



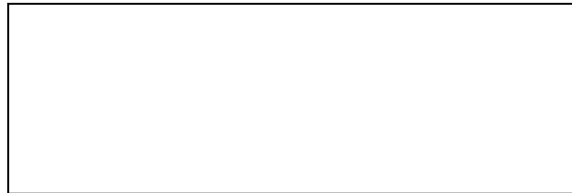
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Mark Your Calendars

- 9/23 WNL
- 9/25 Youth lock-in
- 9/26 Marriage Journey kickoff
- 9/27 Y F picnic
- 9/28 Elizabeth Inn
- 10/3 Blessing of the Animals
- 10/5 Grief support group begins
- 10/9-11 ... Nat'l Acolyte Festival
- 10/11 Newcomer Sunday
- 10/16-18 ... Men's retreat

The Wheel

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Men's Retreat

Sign up now! The Men's Retreat will be October 16-18 at Montara Farm in the north Georgia mountains. Join us to make new friendships and renew old ones, explore your spirituality, have great food and enjoy some relaxing activities. Time to register is almost up, only 40 slots available! **Final cost reduced**, will be around \$250. Check the Opportunities For Ministry in your bulletin or contact Hans Kraeger, hans.kraeger@gmail.com or 404.512.5124.

Foyers Kickoff Dinner



Saturday, September 19

Join us for the annual kickoff of Foyers dinner groups in the Parish Hall at 7 pm. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. "Foyers" is dinner groups of 6-8 people which meet once a month on a rotating basis at members' homes. It is a wonderful, inexpensive night out for couples and singles of all ages, and a great way to get to know fellow parishioners better than just a friendly hello in church. If you have not previously been part of Foyers, you're invited to come and see what it is all about!

St. Cat's Yellow Pages

Individuals & companies, send us your entry now!

The Career Ministry Team is constructing a Yellow Pages Directory to include a listing of products, services, or businesses which parishioners want to share with the church community. Listings can vary from major local businesses to individual services such as babysitting, lawn maintenance, and tutoring.

If you have a product or service to offer, or are affiliated with a company where you are the contact, please complete the form now on our website at www.stcatherines.org. Or if you prefer, pick up the form available in the foyer.

This new Directory will be available on our website, updated regularly, and become part of our Welcome Package. For more information about St. Catherine's Career Ministry and our services, please go to the Career Ministry page of our website.

