



The Wheel

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Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec. 7 Come with us to Sewanee!

On December 7 immediately following the 11:15 worship service, St. Catherine's will travel via motorcoach to Sewanee, Tennessee, to attend the 5:00 PM service of Lessons and Carols. Through music and readings, the Festival of Lessons and Carols explores themes of God's Advent and Incarnation in Jesus Christ. For almost 40 years, people have been coming to the mountaintop campus of the University of the South to attend this special choral service by the University Choir in the beautiful All Saints' Chapel. Sewanee's Lessons and Carols has been featured on television and in magazines, and is widely popular across the South.

Cost for the bus ride is \$20.00 per person



and you will need money for dinner. The service itself is free. We will take a sack lunch for the trip up and have dinner in Chattanooga on return. We expect to return to St. Catherine's between 10 to 10:30 PM. **Seating is limited so get your reservation in as soon as possible!** Please sign up on your Sunday bulletin and return reservations **with payment.** It promises to be a trip of wonderful music and fellowship (and of course, food!), to really get you into the Christmas spirit!

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!

Stewardship Ingathering Underway

Dear Friends in Christ,

Thank you for past and continued support of St. Catherine's ministries. There are so many of you that make a difference with your free giving of time, talent and treasure. Your efforts add immeasurably to our parish and the world outside.

The annual budget is built from what we pledge. This budgeting process is now active. If you have decided to pledge this year, please go ahead and do so. Again, thank you for your commitment to St. Catherine's!

In Christ,
Rick Sloss

Pledge forms available at the church office

Blood Drive Success!

Once again the members of St Catherine's poured out their support and their blood this past Sunday. Even though conditions weren't as usual, everyone seemed to be flexible and climbed in and out of the vans to give the gift of life. Thirty-seven people came to give blood and with these gifts many lives will be saved.

Dracula and the Red Cross want to thank all who gave their time and their most precious gift of all, their blood. If you missed this one be on the lookout for the next drive this spring in our new parish hall!

Sincerely,

Dracula (a.k.a. Frederick Massey)

This Week at St. Catherine's

11/17 Sherry's Day Off
6:30 pm E.F.M.
7:00 pm Adult Kanuga mtg.
7:30 pm Boy Scouts Troop 713

11/18
9:00 am Worship Team
10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

11/19
8:30 am Construction Meeting
9:00 am E.F.M.
4:00 pm Catechesis
5:30 pm Youth Bible Study
6:45 pm Youth Choir
7:45 pm Adult Choir
8:00 pm A.A. New Beginnings
8:30 pm YANKS (college age)

11/20
7:00 pm Finance Meeting

11/21
21st-23rd Manatee Trip
21st-23rd Youth Kanuga Retreat
10:00 am Folders
8:00 pm A. A.

11/22 Heather's Day Off
8:30 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Flower Guild—make centerpieces
9:30 am D.O.K.
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

11/23
7:30 am Holy Eucharist
8:45 am Family Holy Eucharist
10:15 am Church School
10:15 am Adult Choir Rehearsal
11:15 am Choral Holy Eucharist

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:6-7

Three Great Years

WOW!! It's hard to believe my three years on the vestry are just about over. Being on the vestry has been a very rewarding experience for me. I remember when I was asked about running for the vestry, and my first thought was "ME." I prayed about this and I felt God was telling me, "This is something you should do." Then when I received the phone call from Judith Phillips that I had been elected, this was another WOW feeling, and I really felt a close connection with God. I have learned many things about the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Faith, and about St. Catherine's. I have met many wonderful people here, that I might not have met otherwise. Meeting and getting to know people are very important to me.

So please take time and talk with God one on one, PRAY!! I encourage you, after you pray about it and you think you might want to do this, please don't second guess yourself because you could miss out on a great opportunity.

Part of me is sad that my time is over, but I am coming off with many positive memories and I value those memories and will hold them in my heart forever. I want to thank God and all the people at St. Catherine's for allowing me to have this wonderful opportunity!!

*God's Peace and Love to All,
Terri Hogan*

Vestry nominations are due Sunday, November 23. Nomination forms are available outside the church office.

Would you pray daily for a youth?

We have just begun a new ministry at St. Catherine's called "Prayer Partners." We need individuals who will agree to pray daily for one youth. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please contact Brooke Wallace or Heather Manning at the church office.

NOVEMBER 23 is the LAST Sunday to order Christmas trees! Don't miss out!



Prayers of the People

For the Sick

Henry Adams, Joe Hill, Bill Preusch, Cliff Kutzbach, Tommy Hill, Martha Hackworth, Barbara Piper, Rex Boyce, Everett Brooks, Bruce Miniatt, Jr., Lockie Miniatt, Ted Overman, Ron's father, Dot Pierce, Frances Webb, Danny Robinson, Carol Smith, Michele Shuey, Pepe Nunez del Arco, Justin Baker, Sandra Channer & family, E.T. Manning, Susanne Muckerman, Colleen, Lorene Lamb, Edwin Ferguson

Before Surgery

Robert Palmer, 11/17/2003;
Deanna Stewart, 12/4/2003.

Deceased

Dick Hurley, Chip Hurley's father.

Special Prayers

For our men and women in the armed forces especially Brion Smith, Adam Darrow, Byron Bagby, Bobby Byron, Geoffrey Orazem, William Gaines, Benjamin Bagby, Jeffrey Mitchell, Jeffrey Bell, Jeremy Wheeler, James Stitchcomb, Johanna Mora, Brett Ogburn, Travis Jackson, Wes Maschara, Louis Berwald, Andrew Caldwell, Darrell Gray, Jeff Kingsley, Joe Hughart, Jim Busque, Joe

Busque, Matt Rusk, Marc Gonzalez, Chet Arndt, Luke Guildner, Robert Smith, LaMonte Middaugh, June Hansen, David Shannonhouse, Joe Burlas, IV, and Tim Buran. For Bill, Steve, Mary & Dick. For Becky.

Parish Cycle of Prayer (11/23/03)

Vonda & Elijah Klein; Carl, Vicki, Shanon, Samantha & Jonathan Knill; Richard, Mary, Kurt & Karl Koenig; Steve, Missy, Jennifer & Will Korwan; Hans, Karen, Josh & Monica Kraeger

Worship Participation Nov. 22-23

Layreaders: (Sat. 5:30PM):

Tom Hunter (L), Marilyn Hunter (I); (7:30) Carey Kelly (L), Ron Cook (I), (8:45) Carla Von Hoffman (L), Deborah Guy (I), (11:15) Steve Wolfe (L), Chris Potter (I)

Ushers: (Sat. 5:30PM):

George & Norma Alexander; (8:45) Roger Motter, Mark Zeman, (11:15) Hale Sanders, Ralph Patrick

Acolytes:

(Sat. 5:30PM): Catie Kilgore; (8:45) Justin Baker, Sally Paris, Riley Barrington, Scott Burkholder, (11:15) Kelly Snook, Kaitlin Thomas, Emma Markette

Youth Reader: Scott Heuke

Counters:

Jane & Rob Elliott

Altar Guild: Dianne Blackshear-Wood, Carol Starr, Ellen Adams, Anne Whittle

Vestry Person:

(8:45) Barbara Perry, (11:15) Jim Waddell

Eucharistic Lay Ministers:

Ron & Julie Brannock, Ron Cook, Nancy Denton

Flower Guild:

Barb Selby, Lynne Joynes

Greeters:

Flower Delivery:

Peggy Snook

Grounds Team: Team #5

Children's Chapel:

Karolyn Olliffe

Free Gift

My work-study job in Seminary was to assist our New Testament professor, Dr. Chris Bryan with whatever he needed assistance with. More often than not I was helping him look for something he had misplaced. When I wasn't searching for "lost" things I was at the library copying articles from theological journals he had requested. On one particular day I passed by a table which had the sign "Free" above it. There were several books and pamphlets which they were giving away—I guess they had too many copies or they hadn't been checked out in so long that they decided to discard them. As I looked over the selection I thought—that's the last thing I need, another book to read when I don't have enough time to read my own assignments.

I started to walk away when a title caught my eye, it was "A Poem Called Lost." It was a light yellow book with a drawing of a young lady on the cover holding flowers. It was a Forward Movement publication written by Margaret Peacock. I recently ran across it on my bookshelf and recalled how special the book was to me then and it has become special all over again. I want to share the following with you.

Peace,

Sherry+

AN AFFIRMATION

Hear our prayers, Lord.

*For strangers we meet
who have no home or hope or family;
For children we read of
sent from home against their will;
For children who run away
afraid of their families;
and others who cannot run
but are still in peril;*

*Strengthen their courage, O Lord;
and cause us to love them enough
that through loving they will have a home
someday.*

*For impoverished people
who survive and form communities
above and below the level of the street;
For those who are not aided by community
and yet survive still;
in prison or mental-health homes, hospital wards;
tenement housing or elder-care centers or
behind locked doors;*

*Show them that freedom still exists
through your infinite love;
Help us to give them that freedom
through dignity and love.*

*For those who feel
they are less human; those
who rage and threaten, harm themselves;
are different or crazy; those
who spit and curse
or weep, sitting on the street;
those who frighten the fully-human
with apathy and silence;*

*Break through that silence, Lord;
And remind us that these people, too,
are human -
have names
are our brothers and sisters, and you ask us
to be advocates for them;
to speak for them, to them
as if we were talking to you.*

*For those who have so little -
those who have nothing or never had
much to go on, to work with, to hold onto;
to call their own;
For those who once thought they were rich
but have lost all they valued;*

*Renew their trust, and comfort them;
Teaching us to love as we have always been
your loved-ones;
through you and in you and with you and for you;
Holding out a hand to this world.*

AMEN

Giving Tree

The annual Outreach Giving Tree has been erected at St. Catherine's (outside this year!). The tree is covered with ornaments representing holiday wishes for needy people in several ministries, including MUST, Native Americans, Emmaus House, children of incarcerated parents, and others. Please take one or more ornaments and follow its instructions to give your gift of love to those in need this Christmas.



Gobble Jog 5K

Come out and get your exercise while raising money for a worthy cause! The Gobble Jog will be held Thanksgiving Day at Glover Park in Marietta. Registration and packet pickup begins at 6:30 am. The 5K begins at 8 am, a 1 mile fun run at 8:45, and Tot Trot for kids 5 & under at 9. Proceeds of the race benefit MUST Ministries. Registration is \$15 by Nov. 21, \$20 after. If you would like to participate but cannot make it to the fun run, register as a phantom "cook" for \$20. All participants receive a t-shirt, food, and drinks. For more information, call (404) 583-5496.

Advent Calendar



- Nov. 15 - Giving Tree is up
 Nov. 30 - *First Sunday of Advent*
 Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 - Advent Book Study and Eucharist, Tuesdays, 7 AM
 Dec. 7 - *Second Sunday of Advent*
 † Sewanee Lessons and Carols trip
 † Christmas Tree and Christmas Wreath orders delivered
 Dec. 9-10 - Preschool Holiday Programs
 Dec. 14 - *Third Sunday of Advent*
 Dec. 21 - *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 † Children's Christmas Pageant at 8:45 service
 † Hanging of the Greens 5 PM
 Dec. 24 - *Christmas Eve*
 † 4 PM -Children's Service followed by St. Nicholas Party at 5:30
 † 8 PM -Family Service with Family Choir
 † 10:30 PM -Christ Mass with Adult Choir followed by a Festive Reception
 Dec. 25 - *Christmas Day*
 † Service at 10:30 AM
 Dec. 28 - Clergy Open House at the Nixon's 5-8 PM

BUILDING UP

- Construction continues and the nice weather has been a real plus. Outside work now in progress includes roofing, siding, brick work, a new gas line, and the exterior framing of the atrium walls. Inside work is underway on the new sprinkler system and heating and air ducts.
- New grading, curbing and sidewalks will be installed over the next couple of weeks. This means some inconvenience getting in and out of the church and preschool. The contractor promises to put down stone walkways where needed until permanent work can be completed.
- It's not too late to sign the Sanctuary floor if you have not so. Please contact the church office to check when a good (safe!) time might be. We appreciate your continued understanding and patience!

S2F3 Fun!

The November S2F3 Sunday evening was a great turnout of nearly 25 J2A/YA kids and 15 or so Rite-13rs, plus 9 adults. I went with the J2A group which started at the Dickson's house (thanks Dani and Stan!) with a meal of lasagna and salad. We then did a spiritual scavenger hunt, reading New Testament scriptures leading us to different places. Our first scripture (the woman at the well) led us to the Dickson's waterfalls where we read references to Christ being the Water of Life. Then we read a scripture from Acts about Paul being jailed, so we went the County Jail. Of course, we were locked up, for an idea of what the first Christians (and Christians throughout the ages) have gone through. Fun, as long as they let you out in the end. Finally, we wound up at a cul-de-sac in a new neighborhood, (no neighbors to alarm), where we lit candles and read from the book of John about Jesus being the light of the world. Nothing like living out the scriptures to understand them better!

I hope more kids and adults can come to the next S2F3 Sunday, because it's a blast. The next one is *Mystery Clue Night* where we will drive around town deciphering clues. Hope to see you!

- Hale Sanders



Youth

Send materials, photos, ideas or suggestions for the youth newsletter via email

Call the Youth Hotline

Find out times, locations, directions, activities, etc. Just call the church office and punch in or ask for extension 300.

December S2F3!

MYSTERY CLUE NIGHT!

You'll have to figure out the clues on how to reach each location. Follow the Mystery Clues through Marietta to get you to the Christmas Party! All groups will meet at the church at 5 PM and the night will end at 8:30 PM. *Dress in holiday attire.*

MEETINGS:

Nov. 17th Youth Steering Committee cancelled! Adults attending the Kanuga Youth Retreat will meet at that time instead (7-8 PM)!

5 spaces available...

...for the Kanuga Youth Retreat, November 21-23 in North Carolina! ALL YOUTH AND THEIR FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND. The total cost is \$100. Financial assistance is available.

6th, 7th and 8th Graders: Jr. DYC RETREAT 2003

December 5-7 at Camp Mikell

This year's theme is "I'm A Believer." Take a journey and explore your personal beliefs and faith. Cost is \$100. If cost is an issue, financial assistance is available.

Participants will be staying in cabins so bring a sleeping bags and pillow, towel, toiletries, warm clothes, and clothes that can get dirty. There will also be outside activities, weather permitting. Remember to bring pajamas for the "pj breakfast" and fun CDs for the dance.

Youth and Parents

Remember to be at the church at **8:30 AM on Saturday, December 6**, to help pick up the Christmas Trees at All Saints Episcopal Church. We will be done at noon. Bring work gloves (you'll need them) and wear clothes that can get dirty. If anyone has access to a pick-up truck, we will need as many trucks as possible. **All youth** need to also be at the church at **8 AM on December 7** to help load the trees onto people's cars. Again, bring work gloves and wear clothes that can get dirty.



The J2A Urban Adventure

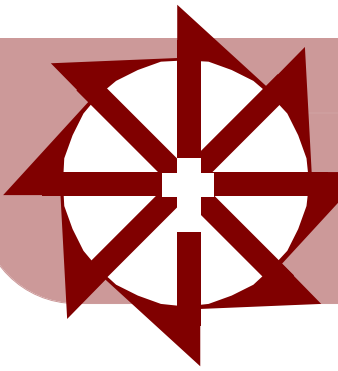
What is an Urban Adventure? The Urban Adventure is a lesson in the Journey to Adulthood Curriculum that gives each young person hands on experience in practicing the skills we use in adulthood, the skills our young people have been learning in the classroom: active listening, partnership, leadership, negotiation, research and information management, and assertiveness. The youth choose a city that is unfamiliar to them and proceed to travel in small groups around the city over a weekend without the help of silent adult chaperones, overcoming challenges that will be specifically designed to make sure each young person uses the six skills of adulthood. For instance, upon arrival in the city, a group will be faced with the immediate decision on how to get the overall group to where we'll be staying. Do they use a cab? A limousine? A train? Subway? Walk? How much will it cost? How long will it take to get there? Where is the hotel? The trip continues from there. The groups quickly learn they must work together and by working together, they meet and overcome increasingly more difficult decisions and challenges.

This is the kind of activity that changes a young person for each young person comes back more confident in who they are, having been challenged in many ways and having overcome those challenges. The group will also bond together. Once back, this group will continue to grow as the lessons in the classroom become more and more intense leading up to Confirmation and the Pilgrimage.



The J2A Youth (the 8th and 9th graders) have decided to go to Boston for their Urban Adventure over Martin Luther King weekend. The group will leave on Saturday morning, January 17 and return January 19 on Monday afternoon. The cost will not exceed \$350. A deposit for \$100 is due by Friday, November 21 in order to make airline reservations.

S2F3 Scavenger Hunt: where to next?? Left to right: Alex Whitfield, Cassie Heinz, Claire Frost, Rachel Tomchik, Rachel Childs



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Mark Your Calendars

- 11/16....2004 Budget Requests due
- 11/23....Vestry Nominations due
- 11/24....Christmas Tree order deadline
- 11/25....Thanksgiving Service, 7:30 PM
- 11/27-28
.....Office closed
- 11/28....Elizabeth Inn

The Flock Has Flown!

The pink flamingos have left the church lawn! Our college kids would like to thank all of you who helped retire a flamingo and keep St. Catherine's beautiful. The flock can now be purchased for **delivery** to friends and family members (\$40). The form is available on the church website or in the church office. Remember to buy **flamingo insurance** to protect your lawn from these hideous creatures. Monthly insurance is \$25 and insurance for the 6 month campaign is \$100. All proceeds help lower the cost of the college Pilgrimage next summer to Iona.

Thanksgiving Schedule

**Thanksgiving Service -
Tuesday, Nov. 25 7:30 PM**

- The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday
- No *Wheel* publication this week



Wreaths (Last Chance)

This Sunday, Nov. 16, is the final Sunday that St. Catherine's Boy Scout Troop 713 will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths. Orders will be available for pickup at church on Sunday, December 7, between services. Prices are the same as last year: medium wreaths (22") are \$20 and large wreaths (28") are \$25. Please pay when ordering (make checks to Boy Scout Troop 713. Proceeds will help fund our scouts' summer camp fees. Please call Robert King (770-578-4779) with any questions. Thanks again for your support!

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Deadline for Articles:
Wednesday at noon

Editor: Karen Manno

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LOST: Digital Camera



The Sony digital camera that belongs to our Youth Director, Heather Manning, is missing! It disappeared after the October S2F3 get together. Please contact the church office if you accidentally picked it up or if you know anything as to its whereabouts.