

The Eagle

Fall 2009



Spread the Cheer- Volunteer

If anyone has tablecloths they could donate for our delicious Coffee Hour, please contact Christiana Turner at 898-1810.

Become a Guide

Become a guide for the Green-Meldrim House and you could meet interesting people and famous ones too- country singer Reba McIntire was one such visitor last month! Guides are needed to welcome visitors at the tour or to give tours of either the upstairs or downstairs of our beautiful Parish House. No experience is needed, and the commitment is only 3 hours a month! Contact Jane Pressly to help: 912-233-6551 or janepressly@aol.com

Help Needed for the Bazaar

Come Share in Church Fellowship!
NOVEMBER 11 and 12, 2009

It's time to start getting ready for the Bazaar. We have many wonderful committee heads that need your assistance. We need help in all areas, so if you can volunteer, donate to the silent auction, dig up some items for the white elephant sale, treasure room, book sale or plant sale, we would greatly appreciate your contributions. Preparing chili, vegetable soup or a delicious dessert is another way you can help out. Please be thinking about how you would like to participate and contact one of the following committee heads. Thank you for your support!

Silent Auction

Please keep the silent auction in mind if you can think of anything you would like to donate. The Silent Auction raises the most money during the Bazaar and we are in need of your help - parties, vacation homes, art, furniture, football tickets and special services are all popular items. Please contact Jennifer Fana at (912) 232-0111 with contributions.

White Elephant

As you are cleaning out your home, please remember the White Elephant. We are looking for all your stuff and for volunteers to help the day of the event. We are already collecting items in our Storage Unit on Bull Street if you have anything we can take off your hands. Cranmer has



A big thanks goes to McBrier Maloney (shown twice) and her helpers as seen left to right: Kran Riddle, Bill Willingham, & Wesley Johnson. Thanks for such a successful Church Picnic. Rumor has it even Gavin got a piece of fried chicken!



Contact the editors if you have volunteer opportunities, you would like added to the Eagle.

Books, DVDS, Videos and More!

We love books, but we're not just about books! Bring us roll-overs and replenish your shelves with our GREAT selections. We offer and take CDs, Videos, DVDs, cassettes and books on tape! Again, we can not accept magazines this year. Storage is available now so start cleaning off your shelves. Please contact Margaret Wylly at (912) 786-4316.

Candlelight Dinner Tickets

Go ahead and plan to purchase Candlelight Dinner Tickets. This dinner for twelve prepared and served by your fellow parishioners is sure to be a night to remember. Tickets will be on sale for this magnificent meal in the Garden Mall on Wednesday and Thursday; however, you will also be able to purchase them in advance...more on that soon. The BIG drawing will be held at the end of the Bazaar on Thursday, November 12 at 2:00 – you do not have to be present to win. Don't miss your chance for this dinner of a lifetime prepared by Jane Philbrick and her team. Contact Mildred Derst (912) 925-1442 or Jessica Osborne (912) 898-0202 for tickets.

Canning

Jane's Canners have been working hard this summer preparing delicious items including pepper jelly, peach chutney, peach marmalade, fig preserves, pear marmalade and more. They are still busy cooking every Wednesday and would greatly appreciate any donations of ½ Pint Jars, Sugar, Strawberries, Pears, Peaches, Apples, Mangos, Figs, Pecans, Squash and Bell Peppers. Please contact Jane Pressly with your donations (912) 233-6551.

Frozen Foods

Preparing meals for the Bachelor's Pantry is a great way to volunteer for the Bazaar if you are unable to volunteer during the week. Just make a little extra while cooking your favorite items that freeze well and donate them to the Bachelor's Pantry. Single Serving Dishes or Casseroles big enough to feed a family are needed. Contact Ragnild Ezelle (912) 925-1407 or Robbie Culver (912) 238-4895 for labels and containers.

Soup and Chili

We'll be heating up the big pots on the porch and serving everyone's favorites, homemade soup and chili! The Women of St. John's are wonderful chefs and each has their own recipe for soup and chili, and a miracle happens when they are all mixed together. Please add YOUR own touch to the pot by contributing several gallons of soup or chili for the Bazaar luncheons – or see the recipes on page 4. We need over 135 gallons this year. Please bring your contributions to the refrigerator in Cranmer Hall beginning Monday, November 9th. Please assist our Head Chef's Sherry Holtzclaw (912) 897-3889 and Christiana Turner (912) 898-1810.

Luncheon Food Prep

We are looking forward to delicious shrimp salad, pimento cheese and chicken salad. Needed are all available chicken choppers. For fun and fellowship, please call Leah Brunson (912) 231-8911, Gentry Hand (912) 272-1046 or Lavinia Strong (912) 272-3250.

Luncheon Servers

A large group of volunteers are needed to serve lunch at the Green Meldrim House on both Wednesday and Thursday. This job is fast paced and lots of fun. Please call Lisa Fort (912) 234-2425 to volunteer.

Nun's Nook

The Nun's Nook will be ready for visitors in the Garden Mall and a wonderful selection of religious items will be available. Coffee cups with the Priests "mug shots" were some of last years best sellers. To volunteer or for more information, call Doretha Coy at (912) 232-2961.

Garden Shop

As always, the Garden Shop Committee is busy planning for the best selection of plants, statuary, topiaries, birdfeeders, stepping stones and planters ever! We welcome all suggestions, as we want to make sure to have the item you are looking for. Contributions of "heirloom planters" are especially encouraged. Divisions of Daylilies or Iris as well as usual Camellias or Hydrangeas top the request list. So, as you work in your garden this fall, and have the opportunity to divide any of these, please keep us in mind. If you find you have any extra pots, materials to contribute or if you can suggest a donor, please don't hesitate to contact Coren Ross (912) 897-2381 or Debbie Carson (912) 897-6169.

Babysitting

If you are working at the Bazaar on Wednesday or Thursday, babysitting will be available. Please call Kerri Culver at (912) to reserve your child's spot.

Runners

Volunteers are always needed to run supplies, food, etc. back and forth to various areas of the Bazaar. Please call Carolyn Ezelle (912) 272-9711 to volunteer.

If You Can Not Be There To Help

Obviously not everyone can volunteer during the Bazaar. Please know that your financial donations go a long way towards paying the costs incurred during the Bazaar. Please drop or mail any financial contributions to the Church Office in an envelope directed to Dale Thorpe, our Treasurer. Or call Dale directly at (912) 233-5530. Checks should be made payable to St. John's Holly Days Bazaar.

As a parishioner of St. John's you are encouraged to get involved. Volunteering at the Bazaar is a great way to meet new friends and reacquaint with others. There is a lot to do and volunteers are needed in every area. Please call Carolyn Ezelle, Chair (912) 272-9711 or Leah Brunson, Co-Chair (912) 231-8911 to volunteer or for more information.

Bazaar Recipes

Vegetable Beef Soup

2 pounds ground sirloin
(can substitute or mix with stew beef)
1 cup chopped onion
2 large cans stewed tomatoes
5 cups water
1 tablespoon salt
2 carrots, chopped
2 stalks celery, chopped
1 pkg frozen butter beans
1 pkg frozen green beans
1 pkg frozen peas
2 russet potatoes, chopped
1 can corn
1 bay leaf
2 beef bouillon cubes
¼ teaspoon dried thyme
¼ teaspoon dried basil

In a large stock pot, brown sirloin and onion. Drain grease and add tomatoes, water, salt, beef bouillon, vegetables, thyme, bay leaf and basil. Cover and cook until vegetables are tender, approximately 45 minutes.

Beef Chili

2 pounds ground beef
1 large can stewed tomatoes
1 small can tomato sauce
1 29-ounce can kidney beans (with liquid)
1 29-ounce can pinto beans (with liquid)
1 cup diced onion
¼ cup diced celery (1 stalk)
2 teaspoons cumin powder
3 tablespoons chili powder
1 ½ teaspoons black pepper
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups water
2 beef bouillon cubes

Brown ground beef in a skillet over medium heat; drain off the fat.

Using a fork, crumble beef into pea-size pieces

In a large pot, combine beef plus all remaining ingredients; bring to a simmer over low heat. Cook, stirring every 15 minutes for 2-3 hours.

Makes about 12 servings.

***Important When you make your batch of soup or chili, let it cool completely before freezing. Otherwise we may have problems with spoilage.

The Latest from the Episcopal Church Women

Thanks to Nita Ann Klein (below) for providing such a breathtaking setting for the ECW Picnic. Barbara Nutting, Sylvia Williams, Teeny Fulenwider, Armin Chisholm, Carolyn Ezelle, Caroline Warner, & Betsy Howard (all pictured) are some of many who enjoyed the wonderful luncheon.



Episcopal Church Women Speaker Schedule for 2009

(ECW meetings are generally held the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted. The meetings begin after chapel, usually 10:45 until noon, and are followed by a small tea and reception.)

September, 2009 - No speaker, Installation of new board

October, 2009 - Mrs. Katherine Sallee to present final report on our community outreach program contributions and follow up with suggestions for changes in our future donations. Don't miss this meeting!!!

November, 2009 - No speaker, Holly Days Bazaar.

All women of the Church are members of the ECW. Please join us for fellowship in our beautiful Green Meldrim House.



Thanks to all the ECW (such as Mary Sprague pictured holding Jackson Ezelle above) who helped make VBS a success!

The Men's Club Reports



Written by:
General Leroy Suddath
Men's Club President

The Men of St. John's Spring and Summer Events began with the Spring Sports Festival which was highly acclaimed due to the good work of the Golf Director, Charles Williams, and the indefatigable efforts of Father O'Brien in organizing and instituting St. John's first men and women's Tennis Competition.

Charles Williams moved the Golf Competition to the new and exciting venue of "The Club at Savannah Harbor" and was well received by the participants which was evidenced by an extended nineteenth hole celebration by the winners and their fellow celebrants. The Ralston Cup went to Captain Marshall Stone and his superb teammates of Father Curtis Mears, Bill McNeal, Jr. and Will McNeal, III. The Dunbar Cup was taken by the accomplished and long ball hitting Walter Hagan. Closest to the pin was shared by Scott Howard and Dickie Adams. The newly installed Mears putting competition was captured by Justin Watson.

Owing to the good work of Rick Wright, the Tennis Competition was held at the beautiful Tennis Courts at The Landings. To avoid winning the coveted "O'Brien Cup", Father O'Brien

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Meet More People

Join our congregation after the 10:30 service for Coffee Hour in the Green-Meldrim House adjacent to the church. After everyone has had their fill of traditional tomato sandwiches and that irresistible coffee and Chocolate Fudge Swirl ice cream concoction, we are quite a chatty bunch. If you are new or looking to meet new people, please introduce yourself; we are always excited to welcome new friends. Of course, help yourself to the tasty morsels. For our regular coffee hour attendees, if you have food you would like to bring, contact the coffee hour chairman listed in the parish paper each week or just bring it to the Green-Meldrim house kitchen before you head into church.

Holly Montford on the New Members Party

As many of you may already know, I am a new parishioner at St. John's and am trying to learn a lot about my new church home and its members. I was so proud of myself at coffee hour last Sunday because I got MarCelene Willingham's name right after flubbing up the pronunciation several Sundays in a row! I was also excited to receive a charming invitation from the church's clergy, wardens, and vestry asking me to attend a newcomer's reception at Father Dunbar's home in May.

It sounded quite lovely, but I must admit that I had a little bit of trepidation at being at a gathering with all these distinguished "powers that be" under one roof! Oh dear, I hoped that they would not discover that in my old age, I could no longer recite all the books of the Bible in order as I once did in 6th grade. But as soon as I had crossed through the gates of the rectory, I felt instantly at ease.

One of the things I love about Episcopalians is that "they know how to give a good party" and a grand party it was.... linens, silver, china glasses, and fabulous cocktail food fit for a king. I was graciously received by everyone and made quite a few new friends. The highlight of the evening was enjoying a glass of wine with Father Dunbar and discovering that we had both been practicing Presbyterians. I had kept him sequestered high up on a pedestal in his pulpit in his handsome saintly robes and immersed in his scholarly sermons. What a treat to find out that he is a real man!

The evening flew by. That always happens when you are having fun! I left feeling wonderful and surrounded by a warm glow. Thinking back, I think it was a combination of the heavenly spirit, the effects of some white wine, and the knowledge that I had found a church home full of happy people that I could share my beliefs with.

I suddenly felt that I was where I should be, and maybe it was even "predestined" way back in my Presbyterian past. Thanks again for a delightful evening!



The Eagle is only as great as its contributors, so please let the editors know if you have an idea for an article!

The Green-Meldrim House- Do You Know...



Written by:
John Helmken

Vestry
Junior Warden
&
Chair of the
Green-Meldrim
Restoration
Committee

- 1) What well known Civil War General used the Green Meldrim house as his headquarters from December 1864 - January 1865?
A) Munroe St. John B) William Sherman C) Eddie Culver
- 2) The Green Meldrim House was built over what period?
A) 1850-1854 B) 1817-1822 C) 1901-1903
(and...was that before or after the construction of St. John's Church?)
- 3) For whom was the Green Meldrim house built?
A) Arnold Meldrim B) Charles Green C) Robert Jarman
- 4) The Green Meldrim house was placed on the Register of Historic places in:
A) 1974 B) 1868 C) 1954
- 5) What architect designed the Green Meldrim house?
A) John Norris B) James Oglethorpe C) Anna H. W. Smith
- 6) What sitting U.S. President enjoyed dinner at the Green Meldrim house?
A) Roosevelt B) Carter C) McKinley
(and what year?)
- 7) What year did St. John's acquire the Green Meldrim house?
A) 1943 B) 1961 C) 1893
- 8) What was the original construction cost of the Green Meldrim house?
A) < \$100,000 B) \$100,000-250,000 C) > \$250,000
- 9) What was the amount of the recently awarded Save America's Treasures matching grant for the restoration of the Green Meldrim house?
A) \$400,000 B) \$100,000 C) \$250,000
- 10) What is the estimated cost for renovation of the Green Meldrim house including stone repair, ironwork restoration, new roof and interior?
A) \$800,000 B) \$1,500,000 C) \$2,000,000

Aren't we fortunate that one of America's treasures is our very own! Have you ever boasted of Green Meldrim? Enjoyed coffee hour there? Dressed for your wedding there? Hosted your wedding reception at Green Meldrim?

Be a part of keeping our treasure magnificent. Please support the Green Meldrim restoration.

Answers are below!

St. John's Youth Fellowship 2009-2010: Expanding the Mission



Written by:
Angie Locke
&
Jordan Nichols

The mission of St. John's Youth Fellowship (SJYF) is to provide opportunities for the Confirmed youth to serve, worship, and play together, thereby fostering true fellowship in Christ. All Confirmed youth are automatically members of the Youth Fellowship.

The 2008-2009 Youth Fellowship calendar concluded with a Beach Bash at Johnny and Margaret Wylly's on the back beach Saturday, May 16th. The Beach Bash completed a full year of service, worship and fun which characterized the monthly get-togethers and special youth events. From our local missions tutoring at the Downtown YMCA's afterschool program, to sharing worshipful art created in response to Fr. Dunbar's Epiphany talk at the Youth Retreat at New Ebenezer, to playing soccer at Forsyth Park and enjoying the Third Day Concert at the Civic Center, the youth who participated in Fellowship activities were treated to numerous opportunities to serve, worship and just have fun together!

The 2009-2010 Youth Fellowship calendar continues the missions service and activities that were successful this past year and expands our missions work to include not only our own "Shut-in" Parishioners and local YMCA children but also the children in the Kenyan villages supported by Horace and Anne (Howard) Tipton's Planting Faith Ministries. We also are expanding the opportunities for more families and youth to participate in the Fellowship by asking them to host (or co-host) one event on the Fellowship calendar. (Families will choose their event at the AUGUST 7th Pizza and Planning meeting

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Acolytes

by Reverend Curtis Mears

Since the early Church, acolytes have been assigned to serve at the altar by assisting the priests and deacons. Here at St. John's, all confirmed young men willing to accept the responsibilities are welcome to serve as Acolytes. After confirmation and training, these men are asked to take their place in assisting the clergy in the liturgy of the Church. This opportunity affords them a deeper appreciation and understanding of the worship of the Church. The duties of our Acolytes begin with carrying the torches, then the banner, followed by the processional crosses. Other duties along the way include lighting and extinguishing the candles, assisting with the Offertory and setting the Altar for Holy Communion. At the pinnacle of responsibility and participation is the position of Thurifer who is responsible for preparing and assisting with Incense.

Acolytes everywhere have a tradition of mild mischief (much to the chagrin of the clergy) and the occasional practical joke aimed at initiating the 'new recruits.' With just over twenty active acolytes, a young man could expect to serve about twenty times a year. The training of acolytes is an ongoing endeavor, but we set aside one Saturday morning for training at the beginning of each school year. This year it is AUGUST 29th, so if you or someone you know are interested in serving as an Acolyte, contact Fr. Mears at the Church Office. We hope all young churchmen of St. John's will take their place as an Acolyte in service to the Church.

Childhood Education

by Caroline Hayes



It is hard to believe Fall is upon us. There has been some fun planning this summer getting geared up for the new church school year.

Mark your calendar for the first day of church school, SEPTEMBER 13th. Keep an eye out for more information, soon to be released about the exciting, new year!

Vacation bible school was a huge success! Everyone had a wonderful time and learned so much. Between vacation bible school and choir camp, we had 58 children enjoying the hard work of 47 adults and teens. Thank you, thank you to everyone who helped out that week. A special thanks goes to Maryan Harrell who created the wonderful week, Dottie Jarvis and Anne Mingeldorff (Maryan's most helpful sidekicks that spent weeks in preparation), and Winslett Watson who spent so much time planning and organizing the amazing crafts the children created all week.

It is always inspiring to watch people use the talents God has given them. Whether it was seeing how amazing the class teachers were at captivating the children while teaching the stories, watching those with strengths in art or music lead the children with ease, or just the loving kindness of mothers and grandmothers as they cared for and guided others with such grace. We are blessed to have so many wonderful members willing to share their gifts.

Please come to Cranmer hall and check out the
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If you have any youth photos, we would love to have them complete with names. Send to Cathy@twistedwarrior.com.



Top: St John's Youth Playing Beach Volleyball
 Middle: VBS Children Enjoying their Eagle Craft
 Bottom: Margaret Wylly Reads to our Sweet Children

Rector's Musings

by: Reverend Gavin Dunbar



Reading the Poets

Who reads poetry any more? Oh, I know many people write it- and some who actually can. (I count among my acquaintances two women who are rather serious and fine amateur poets) People still read popular verse - hymns, and song lyrics. Nonetheless, with the exception of Seamus Heaney's translation of Beowulf, a best-seller in 1999, the last real poet who consistently commanded the best-sellers lists was Rudyard Kipling, who died in 1941. My own theory is that it is precisely the rise of mass-market pop music - coming into its own in the '20's and '30's just when modernism made poetry opaque to general readers - which swallowed up the general market for poetry.

Not that song lyrics do not sometimes attain at least quasi-poetic quality. (To Ellen Bolch's delight, Bob Dylan recently won the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, although I myself would have awarded the palm to Smokey Robinson: "I've got sunshine/On a cloudy day/When it's cold outside/I'm in the month of May/I'll guess/you'll say/what could make me feel this way/My girl...") Yet in virtually all cases, the words do not stand alone, as true poetry does: they depend upon the music, to which, in the end, they are secondary.

I am an impatient, greedy reader, with a tendency to skim, which does not work for poetry. (One might say it is a sensibility shaped by pop music.) Reading verse requires I deliberately slow down and dig in, usually in fairly large chunks. And when I do, the pleasure is something I simply do not get from prose. If this sounds like something you might like to do too, I recommend starting with Paul Keegan's superb paperback anthology, the Penguin Book of English Verse. A few years ago, I spent much of a summer reading it straight through, and it was a revelation.

Craig, Curtis, or Gavin? Which Priest's Favorite Quote is...

"As dying, and behold, we live" (2 Corinthians 6:9).

"Jesus wept" (John 11:35)

2 Kings 2:23-24



Last Issue: Craig: Lobster Curtis: Anything but Green Veggies Gavin: Dines in his Club

Received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

April 26, 2009

Julia Ravenel Sparks

infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lattimore Sparks.

May 25, 2009

Genevieve Woods Sumner

infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sumner.

May 30, 2009

Brian Hadden Dart

infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Brian L. Dart.

May 30, 2009

Olivia McAll Dart

infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian L. Dart.

June 7, 2009

James Parker Moore

infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan P. Moore,
grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Hagan

June 20, 2009

Eugenia Crichton Cocke

infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Cocke,
granddaughter of Mrs. Holly Montford

June 20, 2009

John Hayes Morgan

infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Morgan, Jr.

United in Holy Matrimony

May 2, 2009

Mary Bullock Deméré to
Ib Raae

May 16, 2009

Miss Erica Leigh Cobb to
Mr. Julian Alexander Jarman

June 6, 2009

Miss Sarah Faircloth Jones to
Mr. Allen Inman Pointer Lightcap

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members:

Mrs. Marshall F. Campbell, Jr. (Martha)

Mrs. David C. Barrow, Jr. (Elizabeth)

Deaths of our Loved Ones

Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

*May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Elizabeth Darling McCutchen

Tobi Gardner Gay

Marie Hopkins Lynch

Mary Ann Farbach Bahr

Marianna Harman Sugden

Helen Meszar Szantay

Green-Meldrim Restoration Update

Written by Anna Smith

Design work for the restoration of the Green-Meldrim House parapet and roof has steadily progressed since this spring, with the signing of the contract with the National Park Service for the \$400,000 Save America's Treasures grant. The Federal Government finances this grant with funds generated by the sale of oil leases, with the logic that the exploitation of one uniquely American resource should help restore other uniquely American resources.

A condition of the grant is that St. John's Church provide matching funds for this enterprise. The restoration of the Green-Meldrim House is presently the ECW's primary community outreach focus. A National Historic Landmark, the house has played an important part in our nation's history, duly noted by countless historians. Additionally, it has a very special place in the hearts of our Parish family and all Savannahians.

Due to the monetary amounts we will be seeking, we now appeal to those within and outside our Parish to consider the Green-Meldrim Restoration in their planned giving. The roof and parapet work is in fact only the first phase of a larger whole which will include, among many things, both exterior ironwork and the interior finishes and services.

St. John's Church now has established a dedicated account. Your tax deductible check may be made out to the "St. John's Church, Savannah" with "Green-Meldrim Restoration" on the memo line and dropped by/sent to the Church Office at 1 West Macon Street, Savannah, GA 31401.

Please remember the restoration fund accounts in the coming months. Our beloved Parish House and Rectory need your help.

The Men's Club Reports continued...

magnanimously stepped aside in favor of Bob Jarman and John Wyllly who will go into the record book as the winners.

Finally, I hope all the Men of St John's will put SEPTEMBER 17th on their calendar to attend the Annual Meeting when we will usher in our new Officers. The event promises to be an exceptional one with a great dinner and, hopefully, Jack Kingston will be giving us a report on the Washington Scene. This, of course, is contingent upon his availability at the time. We will keep you posted. Hope to see you there.

Choir Cantations

The St. John's Parish Choir

- Open to adults with some singing ability/ musical skills
- Sings at Sunday Morning Service & Holy Day Services
- Sings at the monthly Choral Evensong Service

The Men & Boys Choir

- Open to boys 3rd grade & up with unchanged voices
- Sings Sunday Morning with the St. John's Parish Choir
- Sings Occasional Choral Evensong Services
- Rehearses Tuesdays 4:00-5:15 + One Wednesday per Month at 6:30 with the men.
- First Rehearsal AUGUST 25th

The Young Men's Changed- voice Singers

- Open to males 6th grade & up with changed voices
- Sing at the monthly Choral Evensong services
- Sing at occasional Sunday morning services
- Rehearse Wednesdays 6:30-7:25
- First Rehearsal AUGUST 12th

The Girls Choir

- Open to girls 3rd Grade & up
- Principal choir at the Wednesday 5:30 p.m. service
- Sings at the monthly Choral Evensong services
- Rehearse Wednesdays 4:00-5:15
- First Rehearsal AUGUST 12th

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Brian J Taylor
Organist/ Choirmaster



Childhood Education continued...

scrapbook that shows all the fun we had. There are also individual pictures there that are up for grabs. If you see one you would like to have, please feel free to take it with you. If you would like other copies or a cd of all the pictures from the week, I would be happy to share.

Thanks again to everyone who has helped, are still helping, and are willing to help next year with Christian Education. We are going to have a great year and look forward to seeing you all in September. If you are interested in helping in anyway, big or even really small, please call or email me (Caroline Hayes 897-0343 or cqhayes@comcast.net). We will always have a place for you to share your talents, or maybe just your time, and be part of something wonderful.

Happy 103rd Birthday to Nancy Windler

We have a “young” lady in our Parish who will be turning 103, on SEPTEMBER 23rd- Nancy Lorraine Windler (Mrs. Robert A. Windler). This petite, vivacious and always beautifully dressed St. John’s member moved from her Ardsley Park home to Columbus, Ohio in 2001 to be near her only son who resides there. Although living alone, Nancy makes arrangements to get to church, go shopping and always keeps up with family, friends and the latest news. She misses St. John’s, especially the fun of the bazaar where she priced and sold jewelry for many years. Her love of life, determination and cheerfulness are an inspiration to those who know and love her. She still loves her church (St. John’s) and would enjoy hearing from the friends she left here in Savannah.



Wish Nancy a
Happy Birthday:
1874-30 Riverside Dr.
Columbus, Ohio
43212
(614) 486-1132

Thanks to Robbie Culver, Bonney Gilbreath, and Penny Futrell
for their contributions in honoring Mrs. Windler.

Marilyn Solana voted Top Chef



Congratulations to Marilyn Solana who was voted "Top Chef" at this year's Church Picnic. She has graciously shared her winning Peach Pound Cake recipe for us to enjoy!

Peach Pound Cake

1 cup butter
3 cups sugar
6 eggs
1 cup buttermilk
3 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt
10 oz. package frozen peaches thawed and divided

Cream butter, add sugar, beat, add eggs one at a time, mix dry ingredients together and add alternately with buttermilk, strain peaches from juice (save juice for icing), chop about half of them and stir into batter with almond ext. Put into greased tube pan and bake at 350 degrees for about 1 1/2 hours.

Peach Buttercream Icing

Combine:
1/2 cup butter
1 box powdered sugar
Remaining peaches diced
enough juice to reach the right consistency for spreading

St John's Youth Fellowship continued...

after Evening Prayer.) Finally, we are increasing the timeliness of our communications by appointing a youth Fellowship Communications Coordinator. Jordan Nichols will be our first Coordinator and will maintain an email account (sjcyouthfellowship@yahoo.com) and a private Facebook account (which will be by invitation only or in response to a request to the email account). Youth and youth leaders will be able to post pictures and “blogs” from our events and access the annual calendar with all its details.

We pray that all Confirmed youth at St. John’s will avail themselves of the upcoming opportunities to grow in our fellowship in Christ through serving, worshiping, and playing together!



St. John's Youth Creating Valentines for the "Shut-ins"

St. John's Youth Fellowship Missions: Serving & Giving from the Downtown "Y" to Kenya

Last school year, the youth of St. John's volunteered over 70 hours with the children in the Preschool and Afterschool Programs at the historic "Downtown YMCA" on May Street. We provided both tutoring and mentoring to the students (ages 3 through 12). Our goal was to establish on-going relationships in which we shared the Gospel through concrete actions and spontaneous conversations. We gathered bookbags and school supplies for the students in September and donated Christmas toys for the YMCA's "Santa's Toy Shop" giveaway at Christmas.

SJYF preparing Valentines for our "Shut-ins"

At our February Fellowship gathering, we met in Cranmer Hall to make special "Biblically encouraging" Valentine's for our own Parishioners who live in assisted living facilities and nursing homes. We spent eight hours on Valentine's Day delivering our Valentine's Cards and visiting with our Parishioners who were very excited that we came to call.

This next year, we plan to continue tutoring and mentoring with the children at the May Street YMCA. We are really looking forward to spending time with this special group of children! Again, we will create Valentine's for our "Shut-in" Parishioners and spend time visiting with them. We also plan to expand our efforts in accord with the Great Commission. From our local community, we will extend our giving to the villages in Kenya served by Horace and Anne (Howard) Tipton's Planting Faith Ministries. At the Missions meeting with the Tiptons on Thursday, July 16, it was decided that we would fill up two large suitcases with school supplies for the village children. Groups within our Church have been supporting Planting Faith Ministries, and we want to contribute to their mission also. Their mission is to spread the Gospel by helping subsistence farmers to come together through local Churches to organize themselves into sustainable farmers with marketable crops. Below is a list of the school supplies that are needed by the children in the YMCA programs and the village children in Kenya. We are thankful for these opportunities to help spread the Gospel by giving and serving.

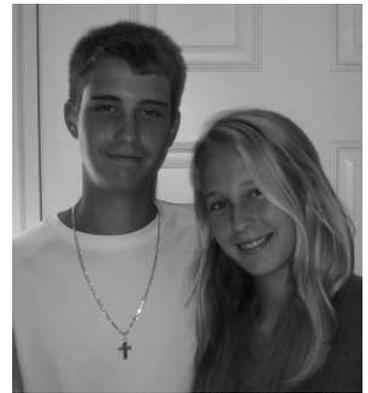
School Supplies

- * notebook paper
- * pencils, pens, erasers, crayons, colored pencils & hand-held pencil sharpeners
- * basic calculators, rulers, scissors
- * small, compact umbrellas

Afterschool Games

- * sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, soccer balls, soft& regular footballs, basketballs
- * puzzles, board-games, picture books, beginning readers (1st-3rd grade books)

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Editors' Ramblings

Dear Parish,

We were so impressed with Vacation Bible School this year. The program which included skits written by Maryan Harrell and performed by our talented youth, amazing art headed up by talented Winslett Watson, and music we are still singing led by Jane Pressly and Dottie Jarvis was amazing, but what also impressed us was the ease with which it was done! Caroline Hayes reeled in an unbelievable number of volunteers, and there seemed to be helping hands everywhere. With so many people working together, the volunteers had as much fun as the children. It showed us that if we could all take an hour or so a week out of our busy lives and contribute to the church, we could accomplish so much and truly have a great time. Sometimes we hear the same names over and over as leading event after event. Wouldn't it be great if we all chipped in and offered our services instead of relying on these same people to keep our church running? What would happen if we called to help instead of leaving the burden on someone else to call us! Let's give it a whirl and see what wonderful things happen, Lavinia & Cathy

P.S. Our next Eagle deadline is Friday, OCTOBER 9th, so mark your calendars and contribute!

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St John's Church Family Events

Plan a date with your family to attend the St. Michael's Evensong on SEPTEMBER 27th at 5:30 pm. Children are welcome to attend and listen to the beautiful music and singing from our talented St John's Choir. This special service will also include brass instruments and a reception hosted by the ECW will follow. We hope to see you there!

...Choir Cantations continued

The Junior Choir

- Open to 1st - 4th grade students
- Training Choir where children "find their singing voice"
- Children learn the rudiments of music
- Rehearse Sunday mornings approximately at 11:00 am
- Children go to church, then exit behind the crucifer at the hymn before the sermon to go to choir. Parents pick up children after the morning service ends.

To enroll in one of our choirs, contact Brian Taylor:

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Pictured at right: Brian Taylor leading this year's choir camp



Pictured on Cover: Our 2009 Vacation Bible School Participants and a few of our many wonderful volunteers!
(Clockwise starting at top left): Youth Volunteers, 3 Year Old Class, 4 & 5 Year Old Class, 1st & 2nd Grade Class
Thanks to Caroline Hayes for all the great VBS and Choir Photos