

# *The Eagle*

*Fall 2011*



Pictured Top: Elizabeth Wilson, Audrey Buck, Helen Culver, Madeline Hamm  
Ed Shepherd with his grandson Edwin Shepherd  
Bottom: Thomas, Mary Helen, & Annie Burdell, Weston and Thayer Hughes

## Spread the Cheer Volunteer

Contact the editors if you have volunteer opportunities you would like added to the Eagle or volunteers you want recognized.

When I first came to St. John's, one of the things that impressed me most was Coffee Hour. Coffee and tea...in REAL cups! Sumptuous tomato sandwiches! It was such a treat and a great opportunity to get to know fellow parishioners. It was with pleasure that I accepted the job that Chambliss Stevens has performed lovingly and willingly for so many years, and now I am looking for hostesses for coffee hour.

Many St. John's women have a special day they like to host or dish for which they are known. If you have a specific time of year that you like to host coffee hour (or one you'd like to avoid!) I'd like to hear from you. Hosting coffee hour is a great way to serve the parish. All that is required is to corral 5 or 6 of your fellow parishioners to help you. If each helper brings a dish (sweet or savory), there is usually ample fare for the congregation to "tide them over" until they get home (or to their favorite restaurant!) for lunch.

If you've never hosted coffee hour before, don't be shy! You'll have plenty of experienced help both in and out of the kitchen. Please call me at 224-1354 or e-mail me: [stacy.jennings@savannahnow.com](mailto:stacy.jennings@savannahnow.com) if you'd like to help or if you have some questions. Newcomers are most welcome! Please join in one of the parish's most enjoyable and appreciated tasks - hosting coffee hour! -Stacy Jennings

### BAG LADIES NEEDED

The ECW is sponsoring the backpack program again this year. We provide backpacks of food for needy students at Thunderbolt Elementary. We have grown to 14 churches participating in the program serving over 500 children. Volunteers are needed to pack our 40 backpacks. We meet Wednesdays at 3:30 at Second Harvest Foodbank. It usually takes about thirty minutes. If you would like to volunteer, call Martha Sullivan at 663-6221.

### THANK YOU VBS CHEFS

Thanks to all the VBS Chefs: Sally Fiveash, Barry Crawford, Jane Pressly, Sue Rendeiro, Kerri Culver, Lavinia Strong, Middi Moore, Martha Sullivan, and Ginger Logan. Without you Lofty the Fruit Eagles, Jesus' empty bagel toms, the fig newton bibles, etc would not have filled the bellies of our happy VBS children, so thank you so much.

### CALLING ALL FATHERS & GRANDFATHERS

Join the Dad Squad and help lead the introduction to our children's 9:30 am Sunday School. A sign-up sheet will be in Cranmer Hall on September 11th or email Pride Sheahan at [psheahan@bellsouth.net](mailto:psheahan@bellsouth.net).

## Craig or Gavin?

When did you decide to become a priest...

I began to discern my vocation to the priesthood formally when I was around 21. When I did my first wedding as a young priest of around 26, for a high school friend, I was treated as rock star as none of my friend's from that era could believe I was a priest. I guess that's saying something about my mispent youth!

I say formally, because I've often thought that a cancer misdiagnosis when I was five, giving me only months to live, marked an early acquaintance with the four last things, an early and defining gravitas particularly suited to the priestly vocation. As the ensuing surgery involved literally taking a rib from my side, my future path was all the more befitting to the ministerial priesthood of Christ, the New Adam!

My sister embarrassed me in my fourth year of college by announcing that I was going to become a priest. Which says something for women's intuition, since I was quite insistent that I was not, even though I was an unusually regular church-goer. It was when I went to Halifax to do graduate work at Dalhousie University, and began really to engage the Church's historic theology through teachers like Robert Crouse, Wayne Hankey, and yes, William Ralston, who gave a memorable paper at the 1989 Theological Conference in Fredericton, N. B., that I began to admit to myself that I wanted to become a priest. Exposure to the church's theological tradition at the college level is one of the most fruitful fields for conversion and vocation.

Last Issue: Craig- Circa & Gavin- 45 South

## *The Latest from the Episcopal Church Women*

I want to thank all the women of St. John's for a wonderful two years as your president. I cannot adequately express what a pleasure it has been working with such a talented group of women. Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do for St. John's in the coming years. The ministry of the Women of St. John's is important and necessary to the life of the church and the wider community. I believe that the Women of the Church are a vital part of church life, often quietly working away without any need of recognition. Please know that all you do is a glorious gift to your church. It has given me great joy to serve you.

Yours in Christ,  
Jessica Osborne

### *Holly Days Bazaar: November 9th and 10th*

The St. John's ECW are busy preparing for Holly Days. Following is the schedule of this year's events.

#### Wednesday, November 9th and Thursday, November 10th

Both days:

10:00am - 2:00pm

Tours of the Church Sanctuary  
Garden Shop in the Garden Mall

Nun's Nook Religious Gifts in the Garden Mall  
Jellies, Marmalades and more in the Garden Mall  
Frozen Foods in the Garden Mall

11:00am - 2:00pm

Luncheon served in the Green - Meldrim House  
Luncheon take-outs on Madison Square  
Silent Auction open for bids upstairs in the Green-Meldrim House  
Candlelight Dinner tickets for sale in the Garden Mall

12:00 Noon

Organ Recital in the Church

In addition, Thursday, November 10th will also feature:

10:00am - 2:00 pm

White Elephant, Used Book Sale, and Treasure Room in Cranmer Hall

2:00 pm

Drawing for the Candlelight Dinner  
Silent Auction Bidding closed and high bidders announced

The ECW requests your help. See the gray boxes on the following pages for ways to join your fellow parishioners and volunteer. This is the ECW's main fundraiser, so let's join under the leadership of Amy Wilson and Betsy Howard to make this another successful Holly Days Bazaar.

Pictured in England: Emily, Henry, & John Osborne, Jane Wells with Marti Campbell, and our beloved Father Dunbar.





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## The Men's Club Reports

In Early June the Men enjoyed a Wild Duck and Quail dinner in Cranmer Hall. Fr. Dunbar addressed the Men on their Leadership role in Church and Society. Furthermore, he announced a new opportunity for the Men. **A Men's Forum – On Faith & Life to be held Thursdays at noon in Cranmer Hall.** This forum was specifically tailored for Men who are downtown during the day. It provides a place to eat lunch while listening to a timely topic of interest to Men. This is not a bible study per se, but the talks will be biblically based. Topics are expected to include Faith, Life, how & why we worship the way we do, work related topics, war and other current events, business and what the Bible has to say about these topics. Special thanks to Bill Rodgers and his World famous Tommy Knight, abismal Georgia Tech graduate Earl Gilbreath, tomato man Ross Haire, and to the kitchen crew for planning, preparing and presenting a wonderful dinner.

On Thursday August 18th the Men of St John's and their guests enjoyed a wonderful lunch and talk for the inaugural Men's Forum – On Life and Faith. Fr. Dunbar spoke on the topic of 'Iron sharpens Iron', how Men in Fellowship strengthen and support each other. The Men's Forum is perfect for Men on tight schedules who are looking for some sustenance for their bodies and their souls in the Company of like-minded Men. The talk will end sharply at 12:50 to allow those on a busy schedule to participate and then be on their way. Many thanks to Mike Chastain for helpng pull this together and to Joanne Chastain and her team for handling the meal for the Men.

The Men of the Church continued to faithfully provide Lay Readers for both Morning and Evening Prayer in the Chapel. During the Rector's absence in July the Men helped to maintain St John's tradition of Morning and Evening Prayer by officiating at these services. Thanks to all that gave their time.

As we return to our fall schedules the Men are looking forward to their Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, September 22nd at 6PM** in Cranmer Hall. Tickets will be sold in advance to help us plan. All the Men of the Church are encouraged to attend. For those of you who have never attended this meeting this is an excellent opportunity to meet other like-minded Men. And to find out where your special gifts can be put to use at St Johns Church to glorify the God we know and serve together. Whether new to St Johns or a veteran, if you looking for a place to serve please call either the Church office or me. We would love to have you join us.

### **Silent Auction**

Please consider donating a party, vacation home, art, antiques or any special service that you are able to provide. Remember that your donations help The Women of St. John's to continue and expand their mission of community outreach. Please contact Coren Ross at 912-897-2381 (home), 912-398-6884 (cell), or mom4travel@aol.com with contributions.



Men's Wild Duck and Quail Dinner

### **White Elephant**

The White Elephant Sale needs you!

Please collect and save your good junk. Storage is available at our unit, located at Bull and Derenne Streets. Please call Penny at the Church Office for directions to unlock the unit. We accept just about anything BUT clothes. (No plastic food containers please.) We would also love to have your help with the set up and sale. We can always use happy helpers who enjoy the mess! Call Nita Ann Klein at 912-927-4270 with questions, assistance, or to volunteer.

## Nursery News

We have some exciting new changes in the nursery for this year! Our first addition is silent pagers. This will help clear your mind of worries knowing that we will buzz you if your child needs you. The second addition is weekly checklists for each child. You can decide nap or no nap, bottle or no bottle, snack or no snack, and exactly how long to wait if your little one is sad and seems to want you to come get him or her (5 min, 10 min, etc.). With little ones these things can change week to week. This will give you a straight forward way to let us know exactly what should be done to meet the needs of your child. With the children and with many parents, this is the first interaction with our church. We want it to be as positive as possible! If you have any ideas or suggestions how to make our nursery even better, please contact our nursery mom – Kerri Culver khculver@gmail.com or 236-0415

## Children's Corner

Can you find this image in our sanctuary?



Elizabeth Hayes and Lofty the Eagle entertaining VBS kids. Sylvia Summers with her grandson, and Janayah Cutter singing with Marian Brunson

### Treasure Room

Tired of polishing that old silver or silver-plate that you never use? Are you still storing that set of crystal you never really liked? The Treasure Room would love to have it-we really don't mind polishing or cleaning. Pictures, Paintings, Rugs & Furniture-we need it all. Call Jettie Johnston at (912) 598-7488 or Frankie Vinyard at (912) 598-5226.

### Desserts

Heartfelt thanks to those of you who show up on the day of the Bazaar with all the scrumptious, homemade desserts. We hope you can contribute again this year. We also appreciate desserts from those who have not baked in the past. Share your specialty at the dessert table. Call Marsha Berger (912) 598-0396 or Kathie Johnston (912) 303-9483.

### 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 cannot accept magazines this year. Storage is available now so start cleaning off your shelves. Please contact Co-chairs Margaret Wylly at 912-656-6235 (cell) or wyllym@aol.com and Anne Murray at annesmurray@comcast.net Margaret and Anne say "We would love to have extra help with organizing and putting out the books. Those interested in setting up or selling can contact us. We have a good time. Helpers are needed to set up on Tue and/or Wed, whenever they can help from morning until about mid-afternoon. Sellers are needed on Thursday."

## Childhood Education



Written by:

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Just when you thought our church school couldn't get any better, it does!  
Church School begins **Sunday, September 11 at 9:30.**

What you need to know:

•The classes at **9:30** are as follows –

- o Nursery – (First Floor Cranmer Hall)
- o Preschool – Kindergarten
- o 1st and 2nd Grades
- o 3rd and 4th Grades
- o 5th Grade

•New This Year : All classes for Preschool – 5th Grades will be on the 2nd floor of Cranmer Hall.

•On the first day, please take your child to their classroom , and then, come down to the first floor of Cranmer Hall for registration.

- On following Sundays, all children in 1st – 5th will go straight to the 2nd floor assembly area. All children in Preschool – Kindergarten will go to their classroom.
- New this year, family registration! You will simply need to check over the information for your family, make corrections, and sign off on it. No more filling out multiple cards.
- After registration, all families are invited to stay for coffee, fellowship, and a few words from Father Dunbar and maybe a few other surprise guests.
- Please pick your children up from their classrooms at 10:15 for church. Preschool – 4th grades must have a parent pick them up from the door to ensure everyone's safety.
- This year the children will continue to learn the History of Our Salvation in the New Testament.
- We will also have Special Event Days and Art Days to highlight our Liturgical Year.

### Babysitting

If you are working at the Bazaar on Wednesday or Thursday, babysitting will be available. Please contact Amy Wilson at (912) 308-6471 or amyw3@comcast.net to reserve your child's spot.

### Candlelight Dinner Tickets

Make your plans 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. 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 10th at 2:00 – you do not have to be present to win. Don't miss your chance for this dinner of a lifetime! Contact Mildred Derst (912) 925-1442.

### Canning

Jane's Canners have been working hard this summer preparing delicious items including squash relish, cranberry chutney, pear chutney, mint jelly, fig preserves and more! They are still busy cooking every Wednesday and would greatly appreciate any donations of ½ Pint Canning Jars, Sugar, Strawberries, Peaches, Apples, Mangos, Pecans, Bell Peppers and any other fruit or vegetable. Please contact Jane Pressly (912-233-6551) with your donations.

What goes on at 10:30:

- Nursery (first floor Cranmer Hall – newborn to 2yrs)
- Sunday School and Music for
  - o Preschool Class (second floor Cranmer Hall)
  - o Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten (second floor Cranmer Hall)
- All children in 1st – 4th Grades attend church with their parents. They then have the option of following the cross back to Cranmer Hall at the hymn before the sermon for Junior Choir with Diane Stallings (Choral Director at Savannah Arts Academy)
- All young adults in 5th Grade and older remain in church with their parents for the service.

If you have any questions or would like to help out in anyway, big or small, please contact Caroline Hayes. If you get a chance stop by Cranmer Hall and take a look at the photo books from the last two years. It is going to be another great year!

## Say Cheese

Written by: David Carson

Dear St. John's family,

Sittings for our new pictorial directory will continue on: **September 14-17 and 22-24**. You may sign up for your sitting either in the foyer of the Green-Meldrim House or online at :

**<https://signup.olanmills.com/familyinfo.aspx?chcontract=60979>**

I want to apologize for the cancellations that occurred for some of the days in July and August. Olan Mills was set up to photograph twenty-five families per day and with only forty-nine families signed up for the entire eight day time period, they had to cancel some days and consolidate the appointments. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, and especially for those of you who did not receive word of the cancellations in advance. Please, if you have not already done so, make an appointment! We want every member of our St. John's family represented in the new directory.



### **Luncheon Food Prep and Sandwich Makers**

Come join us! Everyone is already looking forward to our delicious shrimp salad, pimento cheese and chicken salad sandwiches. We need all available chicken choppers! We also are looking for people who would like to join our sandwich making team during the Bazaar Luncheon hours. It's a behind the scenes job and a really great chance to meet more of your fellow parishioners! For fun and fellowship, please call Jentri Hand (912) 272-1046.

### **Luncheon Servers**

This job is fast paced and lots of fun! A large group of volunteers are needed Wednesday and Thursday to serve lunch at the Green-Meldrim House. To volunteer please call Jessica Osborne at (912) 898-0202.

### **Nun's Nook**

Look for music , books , rosaries, Advent supplies , and much more here! The Nun's Nook will be open in the Garden Mall on Wednesday and Thursday and a wonderful selection of religious items will be available. To volunteer call Dorothea Coy at (912) 944-1653.

Pictured Above: Brian Taylor with the choir camp participants.

## Rector's Musings

by: Father Gavin Dunbar



Why are modern churchmen in love with public address systems? (I am about to air a pet peeve.) Those charged with public speaking can learn how to project their voices, just as theatre actors do, and the buildings in which they speak can be designed as good auditory spaces. Christianity survived and flourished for almost two thousand years without artificial amplification!

I admit that there are times and places where amplification is necessary – for persons with soft voices, addressing the congregation in large churches. (Even then, its use is surely unnecessary in the prayers and readings themselves, which can be read with the eye as well as heard with the ears.) But modern churchmen use the microphone all the time.

While visiting a great historic church in England this summer past, I became an unwilling participant in a private baptism. The church was huge and comprised of large interconnecting spaces so it was easy for me to keep out of their way and not disturb the service. But the service followed me: for the officiant was miked, and his voice boomed all over the building.

This was unnecessary – the baptismal party, perhaps forty people in all, were all gathered within thirty feet of the font, and the vaulted stone building had excellent acoustics. And it was embarrassing, since the officiant appeared to confuse the job of talk-show host with that of a priest. He was Fr Montel with the Mike. Throughout the liturgy, there was a running patter of puerile commentary and congratulation, including frequent use of the word “fantastic!”, a translation of the baptismal gospel (Mark 10) that referred to those bringing children to Christ as “mummies and daddies”, not one but two rounds of applause instigated by the priest, and so on. I could avert my eyes but I could not stop my ears.

Personal warmth in the way a priest is conducting the liturgy is one thing – but subordinating it to his own supersized personality is another. Encouraging and enabling people to participate fully in the liturgy is one thing (perhaps with a few informal words and occasional direction) – but dumbing down the liturgy itself, and treating grown adults like toddlers, is another. Making the priest’s words audible is one thing – but constant amplification is another. Far from enabling personal relation and congregational participation, Fr Montel with the Mike is alienating, domineering, clericalist: the liturgy, the “work of the people” as it is often translated, is taken over by the priest, who reduces all other adult Christians to childish passivity.

Technology has its uses: but its use must be scrutinized critically. It can help us communicate better, or it can cut us off from real interactions with real people in our own time and place (those that Scripture calls “neighbours”), and unleash our narcissism. I know this sounds like a luddite rant. But: A world of silence, broken by only the sound of the natural voice in speech or song – that is intimacy, communion, prayer.

### Garden Shop

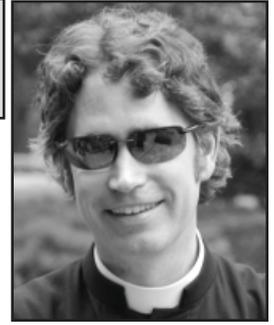
The Garden Shop Committee has begun planning for our best selection of plants, statuary, topiaries, birdfeeders, stepping stones, planters and more! All suggestions are welcome, as we hope you will find the items you are looking for to add to your garden. Contributions of “heirloom planters” are especially encouraged. Divisions of Daylilies or Iris as well as Camellias and 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 contact Jettie Hearne (912) 598-4080 or Debbie Carson (912) 897-6169.

### Runners

Many volunteers are needed to run supplies, food, etc. back and forth to various areas of the Bazaar. This is a great way for the Men of St. John's to help out. Please call Amy Wilson at 912-308-6471 to volunteer.

## O'Brien's Orations: Exiles

by: Father Craig O'Brien



'Home is where the heart is' goes the needle pointed adage, inspired perhaps by the Lord's own *Where your treasure is there will your heart be also*. Well the treasure of the Christian Priest is surely his flock, and though 'my fathers knew of wind and tide/and my blood is Maritime', and on account of the truly inscrutable vagaries of American immigration I have been absent from you in body in Nova Scotia, my heart has been very much with you in hot, old Savannah.

Pilgrimage, journeying and wayfaring we are told, are very much the theme of the spiritual life as the Bible itself everywhere attests. Odysseus and Aeneas among the pagans and their Christian imitators and successors Augustine, Boethius and Dante, immediately spring to mind as purveyors of the images of pilgrimage. But as circumstances have recently reminded me, these images also run wide and deep across the secular map of human experience too.

Robinson Crusoe. Daniel Defoe's eighteenth century classic qualifies as one of the earliest forms of the novel. As an account of solitude, the self and a secular view of the workings of providence, it is widely influential, even in popular culture to this day, and still a good read.

Foe. The Nobel prize winning South African novelist J.M. Coetzee is one of my favorite living writers. Foe is one of two of his novels exploring the metaphoric circumstances surrounding the minting of two classic novels; this one for Robinson Crusoe, the other The Master of Petersburg for Dostoyevsky's The Devils.

Jude the Obscure. One wouldn't necessarily categorize this, the last of Thomas Hardy's tragic novels, as a 'road' book, but I would. The obscurity of Jude Fawley is his exile, and the working out of what Hardy calls 'the clash of principles within him.' This is a great and sad novel and a wonderful evocation of Oxford(Christminster in the book) at every level.



The choir in England

### 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*

Annie Lou Sills Ward

William Kevin Bohanon

Wilbur Dean Collier

### United in Holy Matrimony

Saturday, June 18, 2011  
Miss DeAnna Shanelle Melson to  
Mr. Adam Wayne DeLoach

Saturday, June 25, 2011  
Miss Edith Page Oelschig to  
Mr. James Conner Ryan

Friday, July 1, 2011  
Captain Esther Jean Harvey to  
Captain Jason Daniel Galletta

## Time for Soup and Chili!

Making soup and chili is a great way to contribute to the Bazaar if you cannot volunteer during Bazaar hours! 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 her own recipe for soup and chili. 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 below. Please bring your contributions to the refrigerator in Cranmer Hall beginning Monday, November 7th and assist Head Chefs Sherry Holtzclaw (912) 897-3889 and Christiana Turner (912) 898-1810.

### Vegetable Beef Soup

- 2 pounds ground sirloin (can substitute with stew beef)
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 large cans stewed tomatoes
- 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. Add tomatoes, 5 cups water, beef bouillon, vegetables & spices. 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.

### *A Loving Smile*

by: an anonymous admirer

If you met her you might ask, "Who is this woman and why is she smiling?" Answer: Margaret Bowden Wyllly; because she is filled with love. She truly loves her God and her neighbor and it shows in her words and deeds. The fruit of the Spirit is hanging all over her!! Kindness, generosity, joy, patience, love and humility radiate from her. When asked to help, her answer is "yes". If she sees that you need help she'll pitch in even if you don't ask.

Margaret teaches our 4 and 5 year-olds about God's love for them and has for some time (even though she only agreed to teach for one year!). Our children can see that love reflected in her eyes. She models God's unconditional love for them with every smile and encouraging word.

Margaret is the one who organizes the delivery of altar flowers to sick & shut-in parishioners. If no one else agrees to do it, Margaret does with a smile— a sincere smile. That's what makes Margaret special; we are blessed to have her worshipping and working quietly among us.

PS: Our humble friend is going to kill me for bringing any attention to her, but she'll be smiling when she does.

Margaret is shown on the right, enthusiastically leading her littlest admirers to the tune of *The Saints Go Marching In* during Vacation Bible School. Next time you see her give her a big smile.

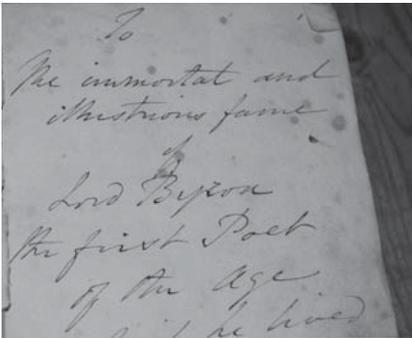


**\*\*\*Important When you make your batch of soup or chili, let it cool completely before freezing. Otherwise we may have problems with spoilage.**

## STV Edinburgh, Scotland News Reporting on a Holly Days Bazaar Find



Our very own parishioner, Marilyn Solana, purchased a book at the Holly Days Bazaar that led to quite an exciting adventure in Scotland. Read the news report from Edinburgh: "A 186-year-old book that was bought for a few dollars in a bring-and-buy sale in America has been identified as a long-lost tribute to Lord Byron. The rare book has now been donated to the National Library of Scotland where it will be restored by conservation experts. Marilyn Solana purchased the book at her local church in Savannah without realizing what it was. A little research found that it is the memorial book from Lord Byron's family vault in Nottinghamshire. Contained in the pages are personal tributes and several poems from over 800 people who were paying their respects. Placed in the poet's vault at St Mary's Magdalene Church near Nottingham in 1825, it took just nine years for the pages to be filled with messages. It is not known what happened to the book next and it was not until the church sale in 2008 that it was found.



Mrs Solana was helping out at the annual bazaar at St John's Episcopal Church in her hometown. She noticed the book – which had no cover and was a bit dirty – was left unsold at the end of the day and bought it for \$35. When she opened it, she realized it was a tribute to Lord Byron and a little research online brought her to the National Library of Scotland where she got in touch with curator David McClay. It has now been donated to the library where conservation work will take place to restore the book. Mrs Solana said: "I'm thrilled to be able to bring this wonderful little book to the National Library of Scotland where it can be treasured and studied and cared for professionally." Martyn Wade,

National Librarian and Chief Executive of the National Library of Scotland, said: "We are all extremely grateful to Marilyn Solana for generously donating the book. "It has obviously been well handled over the years but is generally in sound condition. We will need to do conservation work on it but, once that is done, people will be able to see it for another couple of hundred years." Lord Byron was a celebrated Romantic poet who was known not only for his poetry but also his hedonistic lifestyle. He died of a fever while travelling through Greece in 1824.

### **If You Can Not Be at the Holly Days Bazaar to Help**

Obviously, not everyone can volunteer during the Bazaar. Please know your financial donations go a long way towards paying the costs incurred during the Bazaar. Please send any financial contributions to the Church Office in an envelope directed to Clayton Kennedy, our Treasurer. 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 or get to know other parishioners. There are many ways to join in the fellowship and have the knowledge that the proceeds go to many worthy causes. Please take the time to review all of the different ways you can contribute. Thank you to everyone for all your time and efforts, there would be no Bazaar without you! There is a lot to do and volunteers are needed in every area. Please call Amy Wilson, Chair (912) 308-6471 or Betsy Howard, Co-Chair (912) 398-1326 to volunteer or for more information.



Shown Above: Marilyn Solana and a page from the Lord Byron tribute book.

Bottom right in England: Sarah Elizabeth Inglesby, Tessa Morris, Kristin Pair, Katharine Warner, & Ashley Whittington.

Next Deadline:  
October 14th

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## *Sunday School: Game On* by Caroline Hayes

Often the question is asked, “So when exactly is Sunday School for the Preschool and Kindergarten classes?”

*Short Answer:* Unlike grades 1 and up, the main teaching time for children in prekindergarten and kindergarten is 10:30 a.m. We also provide a little teaching and fellowship at 9:30 am, for the children of parents who are attending Adult Classes.

*Long Answer* – why we do it this way: When thinking about this question, it makes me remember when my children were younger. Some of you may remember the article I wrote for the Eagle a few years ago about our family and the struggle to make the commitment to come to church EVERY Sunday. When you have little ones, Sunday mornings are hard. I am not sure why it seems harder than a Monday morning, but it does. Often if there is a 3, 4, or 5 year old, there is also a baby. Getting out the door with all the gear, dressed for church no less, is a daunting task. A simple hour more can make all the difference. Alleviating the pressure for new parents is why we have set 10:30 as the main teaching time for Preschool and Kindergarten. It is that deep breath that they need that gives these families a grace period of a year or so to get used to the Sunday morning commitment, so that when the children enter First Grade, they are able to “step up” to the 9:30 a.m. Church School time for all ages. Grace time is over: it is the time for “Game On.” When that time comes, Come. Come every Sunday, Sunday School and church EVERY Sunday. There is no greater gift you can give your children than for their faith to be written deep in their hearts from the beginning. That sleepy fog should also be lifting a bit from mom and dad’s heads so that they can also begin again,

Pictured: Margaret Wyllly and Ashley Bowden with their crazy pre-K and Kindergarten children at Vacation Bible School

