



The Eagle

Spring 2011



Spread the Cheer Volunteer

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



Good job to Carter Hubbard. He's doing double duty serving as a Confirmation teacher and as a sub-deacon in church almost every Sunday 8 AM service and 10:30 Holy Communion service. He also works with the acolytes. I know there are many Church School teachers, but Carter serves during the services as well. He's the best!

-Mildred Derst



Vacation Bible School

This summer, St. John's "On Eagles' Wings" Vacation Bible School will take place June 20 -24. This year will mark our first year in Cycle 2 of our four year program. The Pre-School (age 3, potty-trained) through rising 2nd grade students will study the Gospel of St. John. There will be new arts and crafts, new skits, and lots of fun for everyone. Please contact Maryann Harrell at the church office to volunteer your help, and to get pre-registration forms for your children. Lofty Mountain and Sweet Valley Farm are right around the bend in the road!

Backpack Volunteers

I would like to thank all the Backpack volunteers. They have been wonderful to come every Tuesday to help pack 30 backpacks for Thunderbolt Elementary. volunteers include Barry Crawford, Emiline Baxter, Margaret Wyly, Jane Wells, Margie Livingston, Beth Johnson, Susan Fearon, Carol Fogarty, and Kim Murray. we have a great time together!
-Martha Sullivan



Pictured: Some of our many Bazaar Volunteers. Top Left: Good-looking To-Go Food Staff. Top Right: Nita Ann Klein's White Elephant Sorting Team. Left: Parking Lot Directors. Can you spot the volunteer doing double duty?

The Latest from the Episcopal Church Women

by: ECW President Jessica Osborne
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All is well with the Women of the Church. I told Cathy when she asked for this article that it was really just “business as usual,” and she said it might be nice if I explained what that meant, so here it goes...

As we approach the Lenten season, the Women of the Church are winding down. Another successful Bazaar, with thanks to Leah Brunson, has come and gone. Thankfully, we have a little time before we start working in earnest on next year's Bazaar, although next year's chairman Amy Wilson is already on the ball assembling her team. The special events committee will have some time off during the Lenten season from their otherwise busy schedule of Evensongs and Parish events. The Guides, although they could always use a few more helpers, are running smoothly under the direction of Marty Campbell and Jane Pressly. Tracy Inglesby has the Parish House scheduling well under control. Meals and notes are being sent out to members of the Parish in need of comfort or in celebration of happy events. Shut ins are regularly visited due to the efforts of Bonnie Gilbreath and Father O'Brien. The Church school program is wonderful and exciting with thanks to Caroline Hayes and many others. Chambliss Stevens continues to coordinate our elegant coffee hours. Small repairs continue around the Parish house and new acquisitions are made through Jane Pressly's work as the curator. All the necessary supplies to run the house are provided by the Women of the Church. Caroline Warner is always ready to provide a reception for funerals when necessary. These are just a few of the things that the Women of St. John's do. There are many more, including Cathy Baxter's and Martha Sullivan's work on the Eagle.

I hope you will join us in our work and at our meetings which take place the first Wednesday of each month. They provide a great opportunity for worship, fellowship, and education! I would love to have suggestions for programs that would be of interest to you. Many thanks to all of you for the work you do for your Church. Every job is important and there are so many opportunities to help. I am grateful for having the chance to understand all that it takes to make this small part of our Church work. It makes me even more appreciative of all we have here at St. John's.

Thanks from our 2010 Bazaar Chair: Leah Brunson



Jessica Osborne and Leah Brunson
with the final silent auction bids.

Sincere thanks to everyone who worked to make the 2010 Holly Days Bazaar such a success (and so much fun)! It is truly amazing to see the Women of St. John's work together and how smoothly everything happens. I know everyone looks forward to the Bazaar every year and with good reason. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful, spirited group of ladies, and the Bazaar is a great way to get to know them. I wish there was enough space to list everyone who helped with the Bazaar, but please know you are all much appreciated.

I would especially like to thank the following Committee Heads: Co Chair: Amy Wilson, Books: Margaret Wylly; Candlelight Dinner Sales: Mildred Derst & Jessica Osborne; Canning: Jane Pressly; Babysitting: Kerri Culver; Desserts: Marsha Berger & Kathy Johnston; Flowers: Tracy Inglesby; Frozen Foods: Robbie Culver & Ragnild Ezelle; Garden Shop: Coren Ross & Debbie Carson; Lunch Plate Prep: Laura Wimbish; Luncheon Set-up: Linda Sheahan; Nun's Nook: Caroline Hayes; Organ Recitals: Bryan Taylor; Publicity: Stacy Jennings; Runners: Men of St. John's; Sandwiches: Jentri Hand & Lavinia Strong; Silent Auction: Sarah Ross, Gennie Leigh Sumner & Middi Moore; Silent Auction Write-ups & Bid Sheets: Lori Nesbit; Soup/Chili: Christiana Turner & Sherry Holtzclaw; Take-outs: McBrier Maloney; Tours of the Church: Phillip Kirk; Treasure Room: Kippi Adams & Jettie Johnston; Treasurer: Dale Thorpe & Beth Dearing; Waitresses: Jessica Osborne; White Elephant: Nita Ann Klein; and our Cranmer Hall Coordinator: Caroline Warner. Thank you all so much!



The Men's Club Reports

The Men of St Johns have been busy hosting several church events. In November we sponsored and hosted the All Saints Evensong Reception. In December we hosted the Advent Parish dinner held in Cranmer Hall. The after taking a short break we geared up for our annual Oyster Roast in January. Held on a beautifully crisp Saturday afternoon 200 parishioners, friends and family enjoyed a fabulous oyster roast and BBQ. This event chaired by Justin Watson was successful in every way. Many thanks to long time workhorses, Chip Compton and his oyster crew, Tommy Knight and his BBQ talents, and Neil Victor for pulling it all together in the kitchen. Special thanks to Harry Shore

for heading up a very successful ticket sales effort, Bob Brennan for handling the door, Ann & Chris Howard for tending bar and Derrick Futrell for coming early to clean 23 bushels of oysters. Many thanks to all of the other men who helped in each of these areas. The Men of St John thank you for your support.

One of the many blessings I have found at St Johns is the incredibly talented leadership, scholarship and teaching ability of our clergy and lay people. Taking part in weekday or Sunday's educational opportunities at St Johns will not disappoint you. Both weekday study groups are robust and growing. New attendees are welcomed, with the only requirement being a constitution that allows you to be up and functioning at church by 7AM! The Tuesday morning group starts off with a hearty southern breakfast prepared by Thomas Knight and crew. We have just begun discussing a new book, *Knowing God* by J.I. Packer under Mike Chastain's leadership.

The Thursday morning group is working its way thru the Gospel of Mark. This group is led by the Rector but all are encouraged to share their thoughts and understanding. Each session is rewarding as we are skillfully taught the historic understanding of the Bible.

During March the Men of the Church will be hosting the Lenten Parish Supper on March 13th and the Annual St Patrick's Day Hot Dog Sale on March 17th. Both events are great opportunities for the Men to join together in fellowship and service. Whether new to St Johns or a veteran, if you would like to volunteer for either, please call either me or the Church office.

Pictured: Beth Dearing with son Howard Dearing, Kippy Adams enjoying the oyster roast's barbecue with daughter Caroline Warner. Emiline Baxter with her good buddy Harry Lattimore.



New Bible Study on Isle of Hope

Starting March 8th there will be a new Bible study at the home of Betsy and Scott Howard: 216 Grimball Point Road. Babysitting is provided but you MUST RSVP to Betsy at 398-1326.

We plan to pray together each week and cover the six chapters of the book of Ephesians at a rate of about one chapter per week. We will grapple with the actual text of Scripture by reading the text together, followed by a running discussion through the text guided by Mike Chastain. He will point out the key doctrines and practical applications of God's truths. He hopes to offer an irenic defense of the teachings there demonstrating God's wisdom all the while incorporating vigorous discussion and challenging questions from the participants. We will irenically argue through the issues we find there.

Then, we have allotted the final 20 minutes to open the floor to ANY question that a participant has. Come and stump the pastor! Or, come see what the Bible says about those things you always wanted to ask but never had the opportunity. Here is your 'chance.'

Children's Corner

Can you find the shield below in our sanctuary?

This shield is one of several bearing images of the "arma Christi", the arms (weapons) of Christ, whereby he won the victory of the Cross over sin, the world, the flesh, and the devil. This shield shows the cross itself, the hammer and pliers used to drive in and then extract the nails that held him to the cross. It is our sin which drives in the nails into his body; his love for God and for us which binds him to the cross, and turns the instruments of his passion into the trophies of his victory.



2010 Christmas Pageant

Childhood Education



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It is wonderful to watch the liturgical year unfold through the eyes of the church school. As always, it was the best Christmas pageant ever. Then there was Epiphany, followed by Candlemas. In keeping with the passing of light and faith for Candlemas, we had several members talk to the children about their favorite memories from Sunday School when they were growing up. There were pictures, old bulletins, bibles, crosses, and even toys to share. The children were captivated. It was moving to see three generations

of St. John's members in a room sharing their faith.

Lent will be here before we know it. During Lent, as a part of the morning assembly, the children will be learning about the Stations of the Cross. For those of you that have attended the 5:30 service on Good Friday, you know how wonderful it is. It is the perfect service for children as it is outside and involves movement. Now, when the children attend, they will have a better understanding of what is happening.

On March 13th, we will have a special Art Sunday for Lent. Palm Sunday, April 17th, there will be a Special Event and review of the Stations of the Cross. Good Friday, April 22nd, there is the 5:30 service for the Stations of the Cross. The children will have their own booklets that they made to help them follow along.

Easter Sunday, April 24th, will be a little different this year. We have art activities, games, and fun celebrations planned for all children in Preschool – 4th Grade during the 9:30 service. All activities will be in Cranmer Hall. It is assured to be a fun and memorable Easter, and they just might learn something, too!

But wait, there is still more! We still have church school awards, Ascension and Whitsunday, more on that next time. There is an email sent out each week that includes the lesson, changes in

schedules, and upcoming events and details. If you do not receive this and would like to, please email me. We also have a church school facebook page – St. John's Church School. If you have any questions or would be willing to help out in any way, big or small, you can contact me or Maryan Harrell 232-1251 or mharrell@stjohnssav.org. See you Sunday!



Pictured (Above): Mildred Derst with Alannah Grandy. Eddie Culver, Carolyn & Jackson Ezelle. (Left): Edwin Shepard & Sam Forkner (Right): Mary-Porcher Warner & Annie Morris

If you have any youth photos, we would love to have them complete with names. Send to Cathy@twistedwarrior.com.



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College Outreach and Young Marrieds Ministry

Soon it will be six months since I was called to join the staff of our beloved St. John's Church. Working under the authority of Frs. Dunbar and O'Brien and with the Bishop's permission suits me to a tee and allows me to serve as a support to the good work being done by them. My work is a labor of love and one that gives me great delight as a seasoned (code for old) pastor. So, today, it seems appropriate to share some of the fundamental principles that compel me as I serve the Lord.

For all of my many years of ministry God has continually demonstrated the power of His Word, the Bible, to change lives. The Bible tells us the meaning and purpose of the sacraments, and it informs us how to pray. Thomas Cranmer drew all that he put in our Book of Common Prayer from the Bible, either in precept or principle. That truth is a strength that draws me back to the Episcopal Church and confirms her as a powerful part of the true church universal. Part of the delight of my job is to be a serious student of the Scripture so I can faithfully and accurately minister God's wise Word rather than be a mere fount of man's opinion— either my own or others. First Corinthians 1 teaches us that 'The foolishness of God is wiser than the wisdom of the world.' To the best of my ability God's Word, the Bible, informs and regulates all of my work as an under-shepherd in His church.

Not only do I want to minister the Word to you, the people of St. John's Church, but I also desire to reach out to the wandering sheep of Savannah and be used by God to bring them to our church home. St. John's is a remarkable church with many strengths and blessings. Teamwork is the name of the game and a noticeable hallmark here. I want to do my part in loyal support of the ministry you have built here. To see our "means of grace" ministry so ably and faithfully executed by Fr.'s Dunbar and O'Brien is a joy to me as the newcomer, or more accurately the returnee to Episcopalianism. Thank you for the privilege of being part of this glorious endeavor.

I have been blessed to meet and privileged serve many of you and actually have the privilege to serve many of you ministerially. The pre-marriage preparation is going quite well. As of today there are seven couples preparing for marriage through the ministry of our church. On top of that, the Monday Night Marriage Forum is a sheer delight to me as I see hearts and minds on-loading God's truth and resisting the lies the world tells about marriage. Our purpose is that the husband/wife one-flesh relationship will more fully be what God the Designer of marriage says it should be. As we study God's holy, inerrant, infallible and authoritative Word we are learning to 'think God's thoughts after Him' which makes for good and holy and more efficient living.

If anyone has any desire to contact me, please do; I see it as my privilege to spend time with you. I lead counseling and discipleship meetings, pre-marriage preparatory classes, One-one discipleship meetings, Evangelism and Outreach programs (I'd love for you to connect me with people whom you'd like to hear the gospel.) Also, come join me:

Sundays at 9:30 AM: Cranmer Hall, 2nd Floor, SS room

Mondays at 7:30 PM: Cranmer Hall, Ralston Library

Tuesdays at 7:00 AM: Green-Meldrum House and 7:30 PM: Howard Home (beginning March 8th)

Wednesdays at 8:30PM: Chastain Home

I'm at your service – and I don't bite!

Earl Gilbreath

Congratulations to Earl Gilbreath- a genuinely kind and humble man who after decades of service (behind the scenes) to the church was honored by a unanimous vote of the Vestry to the position of Vestryman Emeritus.





Rector's Musings

by: Reverend Gavin Dunbar

Last summer I heard a presentation on using “social media” and resolved to try out the much bally-hoo’d Facebook. It is much easier than it looks, and works even when you don’t know exactly what you are doing (which is my problem most of the time). Facebook is a bit like Coffee Hour – a lot of private or semi-private conversations taking place in public, which permits you to listen in, even if you are not taking part yourself. You can overhear some interesting conversations, enjoy some good humour, and have an opportunity to share some thoughts and experiences of your own. As with any public conversation, rules of self-restraint, respect, and courtesy apply, and most of the time they are remembered. As with any public conversation, there are limits to what can be spoken about, especially since nothing on the “wall” is private, and it all presumably exists forever somewhere in the ether. I am not compulsive: days or even weeks can go by without me checking my “wall” – so if you want to get in touch with me quickly, email or the landline phone is still the best way. (I am still not a friend of my cell phone.) Once in a while I even volunteer a comment myself. My hope is to learn a bit about what my congregation is experiencing and thinking – and in the long run, make it a vehicle for sharing something about the faith and worship of St. John’s, the Prayer Book Society, and other projects in which I am involved. (If you are wondering, my policy is to accept (“friend”) any parishioner who offers.)

Craig or Gavin?

Neither had a car until they were priests.
Whose first car was a...

Chrysler Geo which he totaled on black ice!

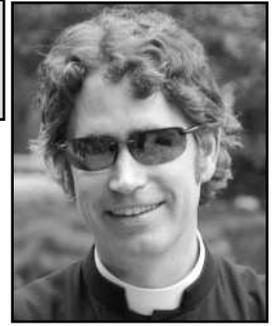
VW Jetta.

Last Issue: Craig: Tour buses

Gavin: St John's

O'Brien's Orations

by: Father Craig O'Brien



It happens all the time, intepid producers of the large screen and small screen will mount productions of books one’s read. These are often cringe-worthy moments especially in adaptations of beloved stories, given the limits of the genre of film though sometimes such a production can bring the book back into the spotlight.

Three current productions, two at the multiplex, and one on PBS, are drawn from books I’ve recently enjoyed to a greater and lesser degree.

The Eagle of the Ninth, Rosemary Sutcliff (1954). I stumbled upon this title in a New Yorker film review several months ago. Now it has its own big screen adaptation entitled ‘The Eagle’. I have not seen it, but I have read the novel, written for but not confined to a young adult readership, and it is superb. It tells the story of Marius Flavius Aquila, a superannuated Centurion in second century BC Roman Britain, and his Celtic former slave Esca, who travel beyond Hadrian’s Wall to discover the fate of the disappeared Ninth Legion and its Eagle emblem. Highly recommended for young fans of the Tolkien and the Harry Potter books.

Any Human Heart, William Boyd (2002). An adaptation currently airing on PBS’s Masterpiece Theatre, this novel by the Scottish novelist William Boyd, takes the form of a close to century long series of entries in the journal of Logan Mountstuart, eponymous man of letters, spy and lover. While I think Boyd deserves to be better known and read, and the appearance of everyone from Hemingway to the Duke of Windsor (in wartime Bahamian exile) are entertaining, this is not my favorite of Boyd’s work. If you like Graham Greene you might like Boyd. Try his last two novels Restless and Ordinary Thunderstorms.

The Rite, Matt Baglio (2010). The film, starring Sir Anthony Hopkins, looks campy and sensationalistic, but the non-fiction book by lay journalist Matt Baglio is not, as he chillingly and theologically accurately, tells the story of the priestly rite and ministry of Exorcism still exercised (pun intended) in the Western Church, Anglican and Roman.

United in Holy Matrimony

February 5, 2011
Miss Judith Carr Wasden to
Mr. Matthew Edwin Doerre



Received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

November 28, 2010
Master Lawton Alexander Gambrell and
Master Nathan Kane Gambrell
infant sons of Jesse Jerome Gambrell and
Katherine McQueen Chisholm
grandsons of Mr. & Mrs. William W. Chisholm, Jr.

December 28, 2010
Mr. Joshua Andrew Dupree

January 23, 2011
Charlotte Calhoun Ezelle
infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Stephen D. Ezelle

January 30, 2011
John Hayes Culver
infant son of Mr. & Mrs. E. Brian Culver
grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin H. Culver

February 13, 2011
Robert Charles Froelich
infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Froelich,

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 Krenson Myers Walker

John Colin Hungerpiller

Elizabeth Guerry Poole

Ann Brinson Alexander

Guy Harmon Earle, Jr.

Daniel Verlis Mitchell

Sarah Elizabeth Cook

Iva Laverne Fuller Kelley

Norma Lois Donohoo

Nancy Giblin Ingman

Lucille Guerard Brabham



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Choir Cantations

The choirs had an unusually busy Epiphany season this year.

- The Men and Boys Choir sang for the Requiem service for the Rev'd Robert D. Crouse during Elliott House week.
- The Boys and Girls Choirs sang Choral Vespers for First Presbyterian Church at the end of January.
- The Parish, Girls and Boys Choirs had the opportunity to sing our annual Candlemas Choral Evensong under the direction of Paul Leddington Wright, Assistant Director of Music at Coventry Cathedral. This was a great learning experience for the three ensembles.

The Boys and Girls Choirs are tentatively scheduled to sing Choral Evensong at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Douglas, Georgia where our former Priest Associate, The Rev'd Curtis Mears, now serves as Rector. Current date is April 10th. Details on this will be forthcoming in the Parish Paper.

Preparation for England 2011

The choirs are in the midst of preparing for their trip to Wells Cathedral in England this summer. Much of the music that they will sing in England has been or will be learned this year and sung at our Choral Evensong services throughout the season. Our next Choral Evensong services are March 13th and April 3rd.

In addition, the fundraising continues with a number of activities including the flying flamingos. Grounded since 2003, the pink flamingos will now be making the rounds to the lawns of St. John's parishioners and their friends. When they land in your yard, you can enjoy them for a few days then, with a mere \$25.00 check, send them on to the lawn of a friend or neighbor as you wish. Also, Flamingo Insurance, also \$25.00, is available to insure flamingos don't land on your lawn. (wink, wink)

Finally, there is still opportunity available for non-singers to participate in the Anglican Heritage Tour in England this summer, simultaneous with the choir's trip. Fr. Dunbar will lead both the choir and tour participants on day trips to various historic and religious sites in the area including a full day in Bath. Contact the Choirmaster at btaylor@stjohnssav.org for more information.

Choir Gingerbread Decorating Fundraiser

Children, mothers and choir girls gathered to decorate 28 gingerbread houses on the morning of December 20th in Cranmer Hall. The results were magnificent! Each house was a work of art and plenty of candy was eaten. Thank you to all who helped and participated. It was a successful fundraiser for this summer's choir trip to England and more importantly fun was had by all!

Pictured: Pam Young with her granddaughter, Banks Fana, Anna Giles Simcox with Amelia Evans, and a happy Laura Taylor!



You've Enjoyed His Beautiful Singing, Now Meet Doug Foran

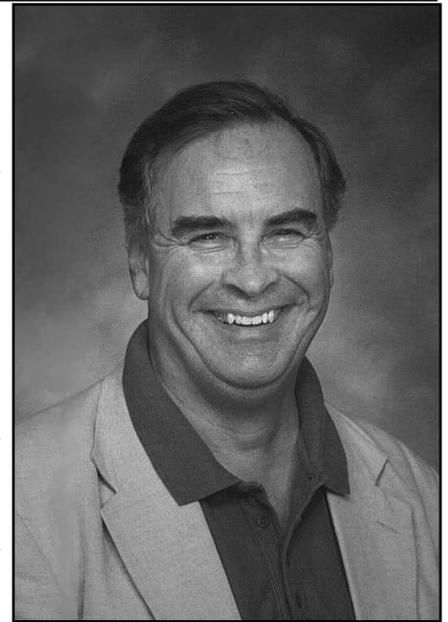
Our choir member spotlight this month is Doug Foran. Doug is the husband of Betty Ann, who was featured last year. February is the perfect month to tell their romantic musical love story.

Doug and Betty Ann met when they were 16 and have been married for 41 years. They are from the same town in Canada where music brought them together. Their favorite thing to do at home as a couple is to play music and sing.

Both Doug and Betty Ann have been in our St. John's choir since January 1978. Doug sings bass. The musical couple also sang together in the Sympathy Chorale as well as the Madrigal Singers.

Doug moved to Savannah 33 years ago to work at Union Camp which is now owned by International Paper. He is with the Division Arizona Chemical. His job has taken him all over the world troubleshooting problems, and his most recent adventures were to Russia and the Arctic Circle.

Doug is the President Elect of the Sunrise Rotary Club which is involved in many community activities. He also volunteers on Sunday afternoon in the ER at Candler. The Forans live on Wilmington Island. We are lucky to have this musical couple at St. John's!



The St. John's Choir is offering a special edition of the the Candlelight Dinner, An Evening in Verona, for twelve people on May 29th. Raffle tickets for this event will be available for \$5 each after church or in the music office through Palm Sunday.



Pictured Above: The girls' choir with one of their many fabulous gingerbread houses.

Pictured on the Right: Charlton Strong, Audrey Hand, & Eliza Strong



Sculpture Show

The Fourth Annual Sculpture Art Show will be Monday, May 16, from 5 to 8 pm, in the Green Meldrim House. Renowned local artist Susie Chisholm is organizing the event again this year. Twelve sculptors from across the United States will exhibit figurative and wildlife sculptures made from bronze, wood, clay, and stone. Part of the proceeds benefit the Green Meldrim House. Please plan to attend this exciting event.

Editors' Ramblings

We are keeping it short and sweet- the weather is beautiful, and we know you are reading every word of the Eagle before you head out the door <wink>. We just wanted to thank all of our contributors for their wonderful articles and Caroline Hayes, Caroline & Ted Warner, and Clayton Kennedy for their great photos. Our next deadline is **May 6th**, so please keep those entries and ideas coming. See you soon.

-Cathy & Martha

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Pictured Above: Christiana & Bart Turner, Hunt Wasden and Emily Osborne

Picture on Cover: Ashlynn Forkner, Sarah Elizabeth Inglesby, Katharine Warner, & enjoying a picnic at the Oyster Roast, Kippy Adams, Joanne Merritt, & Jettie Johnston working in the Treasure Room; Olin Anne & Elizabeth Hayes .