

The Eagle

Fall 2012



Pictured Top: Jackson Dart and Tessa Morris
Pictured Bottom: Banks Fana, Annie Burdell, Marian Brunson & McCall Dart



Spread the Cheer Volunteer

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

BAG LADIES/ MEN NEEDED

Volunteer to stuff lunch bags with food for children at local schools who have qualified as financially eligible to receive food over the weekends. These bags are given to children at school in hopes that they will provide enough food for them on Saturdays and Sundays. Volunteers will meet at Second Harvest foodbank Wednesdays at 3:30 to fill 60 sacks. Volunteers begin on **Wednesday, September 12th**. Contact Martha Sullivan with questions. msullivan73@comcast.net

"WYLLY" VOLUNTEERS

Margaret Wyllly always welcomes volunteers to deliver flowers from the altar to sick and shut-in parishoners (usually one volunteers around twice a year, if possible) and is also looking forward to hearing from volunteers who help set up and sell books at the Holly Days Bazaar. You are welcome to call her at 656-6235.

THE WHITE ELEPHANT SALE & PREVIEW PARTY

One Man's Trash is another Man's Treasure! We want your "Trash" to become someone else's "Treasure". Please donate your Jewelry, Art Work, Furniture, House hold items, China, Glassware, Linens, Vintage Items and the like to the White Elephant Sale. We want this year's Sale to be Spectacular. All items should be clean and in working order. Storage is Available. We will help you with pick up or drop off too. We do not accept clothing at the White Elephant Sale. Save those clothes for the Rummage Sale in February. Drop off items all week Starting on **Sunday, November 4th**, in the afternoon through Wednesday, November 7th at 2:00. More volunteers are always welcome.

This Year a Wine and Cheese Preview Party on the evening of **Wednesday, November 7th** promises to be a Highlight of the 2012 Bazaar. This will be a Church Member only party. Tickets will be \$15.00 per person , with an advance reservation. Tickets purchased on Wednesday will be \$20.00. The White Elephant Room, The Treasure Room and The Book room will be open and selling GREAT merchandise at double the ticket price. Complementary Wine and Cheese will be served. 6:15 to 8:00. Contact Betsy Howard at betsyd6@aol.com or Nita Ann Klein at nak618@gmail.com for more details.



Above: Emma Holtzclaw and Elizabeth Hayes Thanks to our VBS Volunteer Kids!



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From the Episcopal Church Women's Director's Chair

Summer at St. John's is typically calm, quiet, but not so cool. This summer has been no exception, filled with energy, enthusiasm, and sweat within the Green Meldrim House. The parish house kitchen renovation and portico restoration have been "in production" for most of the summer, which meant intermittent closing of the Green Meldrim House over the past three months. However, in typical St. John's fashion, "the show must go on" and I would like to thank the staff and volunteers who make this possible. This is not a "one man show," or rather a "one woman show!" It takes well-scripted guides and talented laborers to make this an award winning show. As we near completion, I would like to roll the credits and thank the cast!

*The ECW Board and Women of Saint John's Church have maintained perfect composure over the past months. Special receptions have been held, both in Cranmer Hall and in the Green Meldrim House...yes, even without a kitchen and running water! While nothing is

ever as easy as it seems, the ladies of the church have kept the film rolling! It's a good thing we don't have a "blooper roll!" Truly, problems have been few and far between, and when they have occurred, they have been handled with customary laughter and charity, so there is never a missed step.

*The Guides have been patient and flexible in supporting last minute tour schedule changes.

*Emily and her kitchen staff have helped provide a smooth move of our well-known St. John's Coffee Hour to Cranmer Hall. The new surroundings have been well-supplied and beautifully presented. I'd like to offer a special thanks to the Coffee Hour hostesses, as well. While the mechanics of the entire operation didn't change all that much, it was still a "different set up" for all the cast and crew – finding glassware, determining the "flow," making the tables look full and inviting. If we could pass out Oscars for this effort, we'd have more than a few award winners!

*Maryann, Wesley, and the Church School have rolled out the red carpet for the Parish, accommodating coffee hour and receptions. This may not seem like a lot, but it did require rearranging tables and chairs a couple of times each Sunday!

*The Chancel Society has provided beautiful floral arrangements in Cranmer Hall for receptions and other special occasions. The splendid flowers are a source of pride and joy for our church, reminding us of the source of all beauty, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2012 Holly Days Bazaar

by: Holly Days Bazaar Chairman Betsy Howard

Fall is fast approaching and Holly Days will be here!

The Holly Days Bazaar will be held Wednesday and Thursday, November 7th and 8th.

I'm getting so excited for cooler weather and the fun we'll have during the Bazaar! But I must wake from my daydream and attend to the tasks at hand. You might think my job as the Bazaar Chairman is difficult. However, I am fortunate to have you, the Women (and Men) of St. John's Church! You are so generous, giving abundantly of your time and resources. What a blessing you are to our church and our community and me!

We have wonderful committees that need volunteers. There are various ways to donate. 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 the chicken and shrimp salad, chili, vegetable soup or a delicious dessert is another way you can help. Please take a look at the committees below and consider spending time with us this fall!.

*And where would we be without The Men's Club? Certainly not anywhere near our current situation! They provided much-needed labor and support by filling the distance between two locations during events, hauling trays, silver, and the like back and forth as required.

*The office staff has given its customary stellar assistance during the transition, too. It's not easy to keep up with the comings and goings of all the staff (not to mention parishioners!) between the Parish House, Cranmer Hall, and the church itself, but Penny Futrell and Rence Schmidt "learned their lines" and then added their own special improvisation to make this summer a smooth one, as well as productive.

*When a project of this magnitude is begun, there is no greater comfort than knowing the project has the full attention of a dedicated, knowledgeable and experienced craftsman. Sinisa Domazet is such a craftsman. He has provided expertise, direction, and oversight in a way that few others could. His loyalty and commitment cannot be overstated. Sinisia always has the best interest of the properties in mind – whatever needs doing, he does it with patience and care. Under the guidance of vestrymen Gilbert Wells, the kitchen project has progressed on schedule and we are grateful for his leadership.

As summer draws to a close, we expect to return to a more routine schedule, and so we will. At St. John's, this means we will forge ahead with the fervor and excitement associated with the start of the Sunday school year, ECW Meetings, and, of course, The Holly Day's Bazaar! Preparations are already underway – in fact, they've been underway for some time! – we are looking forward to that week in November when we enjoy the fellowship and fruits of our labors – shrimp salad sandwiches and soup on the front porch and those fabulous desserts, all lovingly prepared by our talented cooks! And let's not forget the jams, jellies, and chutneys from "Jane's Canners," who have been hard at work all summer getting ready for the annual extravaganza.

There are many other events we anticipate at this time of year – the Men's Club Breakfast, the Guide's Brunch, and the Bridal dressings – just to name a few. As we head toward Advent, we pause to reflect on how blessed we are to have such a beautiful and well-appointed facility to host our special events. The congregation will have the opportunity to see the new kitchen and renovations in the Parish House in the coming weeks. And when the silver trays, china plates, and crystal goblets all have found a home in our new kitchen, we will be ready to raise the curtain and roll the "main attraction." This could not happen without the love, care, and support of each of you for the Green Meldrim House, and for that I thank you!

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to welcome Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom and his family on behalf of the women of the church. Dr. Bergstrom has already discovered the joys of a St. John's tomato sandwich, so we know he is going to fit in just fine!

The Women of St. John's Church is a body within the parish that plays an important role in the life of the parish. Every woman that is a member of St. John's is a member of the Women of the Church. There are so many different ways to give of your talents of St. John's. Please join us in this important and rewarding fellowship.

NEW TO THE BAZAAR THIS YEAR!

A St. John's Church Gift Shop Table

All things St. John's Church. More information to follow.

To volunteer please call Betsy Howard (912) 353-3396.

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, antiques, football tickets and special services are all popular items. Please contact Coren Ross (912) 897-2381.

TREASURE ROOM

Are you spending your free time polishing that old silver or silver-plate 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 and Furniture are a few of things we sell quickly. Please call Jettie Johnston at (912) 598-7488.

ECW Outreach Efforts

by: Outreach Chairman Katherine Sallee



In the past few Eagles, the women of St. John's have listed outreach programs that they support. Here is the conclusion of that list.

Nashotah House, Wisconsin
Trinity School for Ministry,
Ambridge, PA

Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada

Seminaries that serve to develop a new generation of lay and ordained ministers in the Anglican tradition

St. George's Youth Network

Provides after school programs and lunch programs for youths age 4-12 in Halifax, Nova Scotia

St. Mary's Novitiate

The first Anglican/Episcopal religious Order founded in America with houses in upstate New York and Malawi, Africa. Fr. Ralston was associate priest there.

St. Paul's Academy, Savannah

Inner-city private school for boys in grades 2-12

St. John's Treasurer's Report

by: Susan Clifford

Church Finances in Good Shape, Thanks to Congregational Support for Third Priest Appeal

Halfway through the year, the church is in surprisingly good financial shape. We prepared a budget with expenses equal to our anticipated revenues. However, because so many parishioners have traditionally paid a large portion of their annual pledge in December while our expenses are fairly even throughout the year, we had budgeted to have a loss as of the end of June. Instead we find that we actually have an \$8,036 surplus. And that's on top of calling Dr. Jeremy Bergstrom to fill the unbudgeted "third priest" position. How did this happen?

In part, this is because pledge payments have been coming in steadily all year (rather than dropping off, as they often do in the summer). In part, however, it is because of the Congregation's response to the Rector's special appeal in June for increased pledges to support the "third priest" position. Some parishioners who responded to the Rector's plea for increased pledges paid their entire increase at the time they made their increased pledge. That has given us an unanticipated "bump" in our second quarter revenues. Others, we trust, will continue to pay their increased pledges in increments over the remainder of the year. We believe we are on course to end the year with revenues equal to our expenses, despite the increased costs of this position.

DESSERTS

Dessert based reality cooking shows have nothing on the The Women of St. John's Church. Every year, I have to make some tough choices: which dessert will I pick? And I have never made a bad choice! We are so thankful for all of you who bring your delicious desserts every year and welcome anyone who would like to contribute. Contact Katie Johnston and Marsha Berger (912) 598-0396.

BOOKS

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 Margaret Wylly at (912) 786-4316.

CANDLELIGHT DINNER TICKETS

Imagine dinner for twelve in the Green-Meldrim Dining Room over candlelight and a beautiful display of flowers. Include Fr. Dunbar pouring wine and the Men of St. John's Church



The Men's Club Reports

On **Thursday, September 13th**, the Men of St Johns will resume the Men's Forum On Life and Faith at noon in Cranmer Hall. This forum is tailored to Men on tight schedules that are looking for some mid-week sustenance for their bodies and their souls while enjoying the fellowship of like-minded Men. All of these talks are biblically based, but it is not a traditional bible study. A buffet lunch is served at 11:50 AM and the talk begins at 12:10. The talk will end sharply at 12:50 to allow those on a busy schedule to participate and then be on their way. Please plan on joining us as your schedule permits. We do ask for a donation to defray the cost of the lunch offering.

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The Men of the Church continue faithfully to provide Lay Readers for both Morning and Evening Prayer in the Chapel, assisting the clergy of St Johns in these historic daily offices. Many Men participate in this meaningful means of worship. There are opportunities to read regularly or on an "as needed basis". If you would be interested in learning about this, please speak to the Rector. A special thanks to Gilbert Wells for coordinating this effort.

As we return to our fall schedules the Men are looking forward to their Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendar for **Thursday, October 18th** at 6 PM in Cranmer Hall. Tickets will be sold in advance to help us accurately plan the meal. 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 others. All adult gentlemen who are members of St Johns are automatically included as members of the Men of St John's.

At this meeting we will announce the results of the past year and what we have planned for the year to come. All will have an opportunity to find out where your special gifts can be put to use at St John's Church to glorify the God we know, serve and worship together.

Whether new to St John's 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.

serving a delicious meal prepared by the Women of St. John's Church. This is what happens at The Candlelight Dinner. Raffle tickets will be on sale in the Garden Mall on the Wednesday and Thursday before the Bazaar. For advance ticket sales, watch your mailbox. The BIG drawing will be held at the end of the Bazaar on Thursday at 2:00. You do not have to be present to win. Don't miss your chance for this dinner of a lifetime! Questions, call Pam Young at (912) 233-0783.

CANNING

Jane's Cannery 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 1/2 Pint Canning Jars, Sugar, and fresh fruit. Please contact Jane Pressly (912) 233-6551.

FROZEN FOODS

Are you unable to volunteer during the week of the Bazaar? Preparing meals for the Bachelor's Pantry is a great way to contribute! 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.

Childhood Education



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I love this time of the year! Fresh sharpened pencils, new notebooks, clean notebook paper. . . Maybe it is my inner teacher, or maybe it is the excitement of what the new school year holds. We have been planning all summer for this Church School year and it is going to be wonderful!! We have new programs, activities, and classes. Mark your calendar for September 9th at 9:30.

It is hard for me to believe that it was 4 years ago that my family made the commitment to come to church every Sunday, even if it was raining, even if no one slept, only the sick stayed home. Some of you may remember the article I wrote for the Eagle about how we came to that decision. Now four years later, I can assure you we made the right decision. With Elizabeth entering Middle School, Olin Anne into third grade, and the baby who is not a baby anymore, starting PreK, church and their faith are a part of their life.

And it is not just the obvious reasons that make us glad we came Sunday after Sunday. It is the foundation that they have written in their hearts that guides their decisions every day. It is the moments of how to handle themselves when someone is being mean or when things don't turn out like they thought. It is them knowing God has a plan for them, and thank goodness they are not alone. It is the girls loving their Church Family and feeling that they are a part of something good and right and true. It is as simple as Holden, Jr. who is four, saying, "God is the boss."

As always we have a long way to go, but I am so thankful we have begun this foundation so as they get older and the questions get harder, the question will not be if they have faith, it will be how their faith will guide them. So with that being said, I hope that you will all consider making the commitment to come to church every Sunday, for your children, and for your family because we all know we can use all the help we can get. See you Sunday!



Above: one of our many VBS participants soars like Lofty the Eagle during game time.

SOUP AND CHILI

We'll be heating up the big pots and serving up everyone's favorites, homemade soup and chili! The Women of St. John's Church are wonderful chefs and each has their own recipe for soup and chili. The miracle happens when they are all mixed together. Please add your own touch by contributing a batch or more of your homemade favorite.

Did you know the Eagle is online? Check out last Fall's issue for the official Bazaar soup and chili recipe.

We'll also be printing it in the Winter Eagle, but head to www.stjohnssav.org and get ahead.

Click on "News and Events" and then "The Eagle."

Remember to avoid spoilage you must let your batch of soup or chili cool completely before freezing!

LUNCHEON FOOD PREP AND SANDWICH MAKERS:

This is the best kept secret in Savannah. You won't see it advertised in The South Magazine or The Savannah Magazine. Sure our delicious shrimp salad, pimento cheese and chicken salad sandwiches have the lines winding around the corner, but it's what happens before that that has us buzzing.

Interested to learn more? Contact Leah Brunson at (912) 231-8911.



Introduction to the Bergstrom Family

by: Jeremy Bergstrom

Lecturer and Licensed Lay Minister

In spite of arriving on one of the hottest days of the year in the beginning of July, my wife Jackie and I are most grateful for the calling and warm welcome St John's has extended to our family. We come to you via Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Nashotah, Wisconsin, where I was both teaching part-time and taking courses for the past year. Before that we had spent three years in Durham, England, where I was researching and writing a PhD on the theology behind Augustine's defense of marriage. Prior to our time in England we lived in several states pursuing education and adventure, and even spent a year teaching English in Japan. Trust us when we say that we're delighted to have found a place to settle down! And we couldn't be more pleased that St John's is that place.

We've come to St John's with our two boys. Our five-year old, Nathanael Harrison, was born in New York, and William Caedmon, the 'baby', was born in 2010 while we were in England. He's even got the British crown on his birth certificate, to the delight of certain Canadians! But alas, all of us are US citizens, which I understand might be an adjustment for some of you. My own childhood was split between Michigan and Indiana,

WAITRESSES

You might not make any money in tips, but 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 call Jessica Osborne at (912) 898-0202.

THE GARDEN SHOP

The Garden Shop Committee has been busy this year planning for our best selection of plants, statuary, topiaries, birdfeeders, stepping stones and planters ever! All suggestions are welcome; 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 Jettie Hearn (912)598-4080.

RUNNERS

Many volunteers are needed to run supplies, food, etc. back and forth to various areas of the Bazaar. Please call Betsy Howard (912)353-3396.

IF YOU CANNOT WORK THE DAYS OF THE BAZAAR, BUT WANT 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 Clayton Kennedy, our Treasurer. Or call Clayton directly at (912) 232-3679. Checks should be made payable to St. John's Holly Days Bazaar.

Our church community grows stronger as we get to know one another better. Working side by side your fellow parishioners is a great way to get to know others outside of the Sunday services. If you want to help, but are not sure how much of a commitment you are able to make, please call Betsy Howard at (912) 353-3396

and while Jackie began her life in New Jersey, she spent her youth and college years in Florida, which she considers home. But for better or worse, we've lived in so many places by now that both nowhere and everywhere feels like home. We're confident Savannah will feel like our city in no-time as we grow roots and get to know all of you.

Though she currently dedicates her time to caring for our two sons, Jackie is an elementary school teacher by training, and has experience teaching at the elementary and middle school levels, and has even taught adult GED courses. Besides bargain hunting, she enjoys time with friends and good food. She's a more-than-capable cook herself, and trust me, you've never had mashed potatoes until you've tasted hers! After just over eleven years of marriage, I am more grateful than ever for all that she brings to my life, above and beyond the mashed potatoes. Her common sense, dedication, and flexibility have blessed me richly.

I myself had a brief stint in politics before bidding farewell to the halls of government to give myself over to full-time Christian service as an evangelical youth minister, and subsequently to higher education and extensive volunteer ministry in numerous parishes. I enjoy many things, such as jazz, travel, cars, sports, and good food, but my greatest pleasures in life are theology and people. I love thinking about the Christian faith and sharing it with others. The fact that I get to do this at a parish like St John's, which faithfully maintains traditional Christian faith and worship, means that I have the increasingly rare opportunity to relax in my ministry and, among friends, "earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).

My official 'working title' at St John's, until my ordination to the priesthood next year, is Lecturer and Licensed Lay Minister. I'll be involved with all of you as a clergyman as much as is possible prior to my ordination next year, including officiating Morning and Evening Prayer, theological education, pastoral visitation, and counseling. Please stay tuned for future course offerings as Fr Dunbar, Fr O'Brien, and I explore the needs and possibilities in our parish. Expect good things! Please know that I am always available for whatever your needs, and sincerely welcome any opportunities there might be to spend time with and get to know all of you. I came to Savannah to share my life with all of you, and like St Paul bid the Corinthians, "my heart is open wide... widen your hearts also" (2 Cor 6.11).



Jeremy is pictured on the right with his wife, Jackie, and their two sons Nathaniel & William. If you haven't had the chance to meet them, please introduce yourself, and if you have had the chance to meet them, still introduce yourself. There are a lot of names for them to learn!!!



Thanks to Cathy Rodgers and Holly McClellan (above) for a great job cutting, cooking, and assembling all sorts of fun snacks for the VBS children each day. The most laughter definitely came when it was time to assemble the cheese and pretzel people who represented the miracle of Jesus raising Jairus' daughter. A thank you also goes out to these other excellent chef volunteers who made working in the kitchen a blast: Kerri Culver, Martha Sullivan, Elaine Barrow, Virginia Logan, Barry Crawford, Sally Fiveash, Jane Pressly, Star Weed, Joyce McClellan and everyone else who helped in ways small and large!

Rector's Musings: The Sign of the Cross

by: Father Gavin Dunbar

Man is a unity of body and soul, so what we do in the body affects what happens in the soul - and vice versa. That is why traditional worship involves the body in prayer, because doing so actually helps us pray. Historically, Episcopalians and Anglicans have used a diversity of posture in their worship: "sit to listen, stand to praise, kneel to pray" is the formula (allowing for some variation) to remember. And while kneeling is not always easy (especially if the person in front of you is slumped in his pew), it is an unmistakable expression of humble, fervent, devotion - just ask the hopeful lover asking his beloved to be his bride.

Besides posture there is also gesture. It is a venerable custom, for instance, to bow slightly at "Glory be to the Father" and at the name of Jesus (principally in the Creed). Many (though certainly not all) Anglicans make the sign of the cross (at various points, such as the end of the Creed, the Absolution, and Blessing). We can teach our children a simple rhyme to help them remember how to make it and what it means: "Head, heart/Left, right/that's the sign/by which we fight". The explanation goes back to baptism, in which the Prayer Book requires the priest to make the sign of the cross on the forehead of the infant "in token that hereafter he shall not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified" - as we do in the Creed - "and manfully to fight under his banner, against sin, the world, the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end". The spiritual battle that he won for us upon the cross he wins in us, in the whole of Christian life, from its beginning in baptism, to our final breath. When we make the sign of the cross upon ourselves, we invoke the victorious power of Christ upon us, as we in turn dedicate ourselves to fighting with him. The cross means - he gave himself for me; in return, I give myself to him.



O'Brien's Orations

by: Father Craig O'Brien

The St. Michael's Conference, 2012 West Hartford, Connecticut



We came together to learn,



*to share
our talents,*

(Our very own, Tessa Morris, is shown performing with friends.)

to worship,



and to play.



Above are Pageant of Redemption photographs. Left to right : (1) St. Michael the Archangel (2) Christ the King (3) The sacraments of the Church. Pictured are Penance, Ordination and the Eucharist.

Gavin, Craig or Jeremy? What is a charity you have worked with or is close to your heart?

Habitat for Humanity

A community restorative justice organization working with young offenders
& their victims/ Habitat for Humanity

Prayer Book Society (Canada & USA)

Last Issue: Which priest chose these CD's to listen to if stranded on a Desert Island ?

Gavin- Handel. "Total eclipse"

Craig- Joni Mitchell. "Blue"

Craig- Maddy Prior. "Paradise Found:
A Celebration of Charles Wesley"

Gavin- Vivaldi. "Gelido in ogni vena"

Gavin- Will Smith. "Getting' jiggy wit it"

Craig- Maddy Prior and The Carnival Band.
"Sing lustily with a good courage"

Gavin-. James Brown.

"It's a man's, man's, man's world"

Craig- Bob Dylan. "Blood on the tracks"

Gavin- Josquin des Pres.

"Missa Malheur me bat" (Tallis Scholars)

Craig- The Rolling Stones. "Exile on Main Street"



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Parish Choir Seeks New Singers for the Upcoming Season

The St. John's Parish Choir has had a long tradition of providing outstanding music for our principal services. It is composed primarily of volunteers from the parish who give of their time in the service of our church's worship. The Parish Choir is now seeking new singers for all sections. While some skill and training is helpful, part of the weekly rehearsal includes the opportunity to build on those skills with vocal training and music reading instruction.

The Parish Choir is not only a service group, but also a fellowship group. For those with children who need a weekly fellowship outlet, we provide babysitting during the Wednesday rehearsal allowing parents to become part of this ensemble while their children are safely cared for in Cranmer Hall.

Now it's time for the word that strikes fear into the heart of all: AUDITION! We do ask that everyone interested come first to the Choirmaster for a hearing. This is not intended to be a judging of voices but rather the opportunity for the Choirmaster to hear a particular voice and see where the person would best fit into the choir. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings, 7:30- 9:00 p.m. To schedule an audition email the choirmaster (email address above or telephone him at the church office any weekday. Come try out choir this fall! We have a place for you!

An Excerpt from the Green-Meldrim House Guides Newsletter:
by: Marcia Churchill (with thanks to Susan Donahue editor of the Green-Meldrim Newsletter)

Truesdell & Company – Three Complementary Styles for the Green-Meldrim House

A small community of talented craftsmen pooled their skills to create several signature pieces for the Green-Meldrim House. It was the 1970's and despite the depressed economic climate, Ebin 'Bud' Truesdell had attracted a talented group of artisans to his workshop at the corner of Jefferson and West Charlton Streets. An article appearing in The Savannah Morning News on July 17, 1977 describes a lively atmosphere – the sketching, sawing and sanding by human hands; the whirring, whining and drilling of machines - broken only by the easy strains of classical or the upbeat rhythms of popular music. It was here that Bud Truesdell assisted by apprentices Mike Thomas and Wesley Gann fulfilled commissions by Saint John's Church and Sophie Meldrim Shonnard.

The large Hepplewhite-style breakfront, located in the North Drawing Room, was commissioned by Saint John's. It beautifully captures the graceful lines of 'city furniture' so often seen in the nineteenth century's great houses. The upper section of Truesdell's magnificent reproduction is made of old bookcases and the base is skillfully constructed with matching mahogany. The cabinetmaker and his assistants added inlay using contrasting woods and an elegant carved pineapple finial. A three-tiered mahogany server on casters, located in the dining room, is often in use at Green-Meldrim social events. Truesdell designed this functional piece of solid mahogany with decorative rails for each shelf and ample serving areas.

The Meldrim Memorial Library was dedicated on February 17, 1980. Sophie Meldrim Shonnard had grown up in the House and was eager to refurnish the former master bedroom in memory of her parents, Peter and Frances Meldrim. Truesdell's commission included the building of three bookcases - two smaller ones to be located on the north wall and a large one to be located between the windows on the south wall. These massive mahogany bookcases echo the Gothic influences found throughout the House. The tracery in the tall arches is taken from the Gothic pediments in the downstairs doors. Clean, elegant lines disguise a seemingly invisible access.

Truesdell and Company is no longer part of Savannah's downtown landscape. We are most fortunate to have the fruits of their labor as represented in these gracious, complementary original designs.

Planting Faith Ministries

On Wednesday, August 8, nearly thirty folks gathered at the Green-Meldrim house to hear Reverend Horace Tipton's second talk on Planting Faith Ministries. Many of you may know his wife, Anne Howard, who grew up in St John's Church. In 2005 they moved to Kenya with their two children to begin their ministry, and we were lucky to have them back while Reverend Tipton studied at Elliott House this summer.

The hub of their ministry is a Demonstration Farm which teaches local farmers efficient and updated farming techniques. The demo farm is located on property owned by the Anglican Church of Kenya's Namrata Shah Children's Home. Namrata Shah is a home for thirty four children orphaned by AIDS. All proceeds from the farm support the nutrition, education, and shelter for the Children's Home. Horace's current goal is to raise money to buy a refrigerated truck to help the farmers get their crop to market. Kenya's lush landscape makes it a leading exporter of tea, coffee, and tropical flowers.

The Mission of Planting Faith is based on the belief that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. They believe in the Holy Trinity and the Bible as the inspired Word of God. The audience enjoyed Horace's talk and slideshow. It is evident he is passionate in his beliefs. Planting Faith Ministries is a 501c(3) not for profit corporation based in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Tipton family is pictured on the right.



Father Dunbar Gears Up...

A prior Eagle editor informed us that Fr. Dunbar is preparing for the Tour de France. Well, that may be a slight exaggeration, but he is looking for a stationary exercise cycling machine for the Rectory. If you have one residing in your attic or garage that you would like to donate to an eager... make that somewhat eager rider, please let Fr. Dunbar know. Thanks.

Received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Saturday, June 16, 2012,
Allison Faith Smith, infant daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew T. Smith,

Saturday, June 23, 2012,
Julia Katherine Langley, infant daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher A. Langley

Saturday, July 8, 2012,
Sarah Davis Haas, infant daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Brock H. Haas

Saturday, July 8, 2012,
Shea Louise Haas, infant daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Brock H. Haas

Delicious Coffee Hour Recipe

by: MarCelene Willingham

PRALINE STRIPS

24 graham crackers, whole
1 c. brown sugar, packed
1 c. butter
1 c. pecans, chopped

Arrange graham crackers to fill bottom of ungreased cookie sheet. Put butter and sugar in saucepan and heat to boiling. Boil 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Add nuts and stir. Quickly pour mixture over crackers. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes. Remove from oven and cut into strips while still warm. Yields 48 strips.

Pack Your Bags and Travel to Rome

Explore Culture and Religion in the Eternal City
Join a small group of fellow parishioners for a week's trip to Rome, with an emphasis on Christian history and art. Travelers will depart **Tuesday, April 9th** and return on April 17. There is limited space available, so if you are interested and want more information, please contact Elaine Barrow. Phone: 598-9326 or 598-1774
Email: ehbarrow@aol.com

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*

Deborah Backus Durham

Jean Keller Fair

Mary Futral Sharp

Thomas E. "Pete" Johnson

Alfred C. Cooper

Armin Cay Chisholm

The Rev'd Paul Waddell Pritchatt (former Rector of St. John's)

Elizabeth Sloat Goslee

September = Sunday School

Sunday School Begins **Sunday, September 9th**, at 9:30. Mark your calendar for the first day of Sunday School! Registration begins at 9:30 for children in Preschool – 5th Grade. This year the children in 1st – 5th grades will study An Introductory Look at the Catechism: Year One in our three year curriculum rotation. Grades 1 – 5 will have Sunday school at 9:30, 2nd floor of Cranmer Hall. They will attend church at 10:30 with their parents and have the option of following the cross back to Cranmer Hall for Junior Choir. Preschool – Kindergarten will have music and main lesson at 10:30, second floor of Cranmer Hall. During the 9:30 hour, these children will attend Children’s Chapel with the older children and then have fellowship time in their classroom. Our wonderful teachers for the 2012-2013 year are:

Preschool - Ashley Bowden
Mary Margaret Lee

PreK and K - Amanda Futrell
Margaret Wyllly

Group Teachers – Elaine Barrow
Patti Victor

1st and 2nd Grades - Julie Lattimore

3rd and 4th Grades - Candy Pair

5th Grade - Jane Pressly
George Erwin



6th Grade- Confirmation. This class will meet on the 3rd floor of Cranmer Hall. All families with children in this class are asked to sit at the front of the church on the right hand side during the 10:30 service on September 9th. Teachers will be Holly McClellan and Barbara and Carter Hubbard.

7th and 8th Grades- Junior High (We have something very exciting for this class this year! Cathy Rodgers will be just one of the wonderful teachers. If you have a child in this class, we will be contacting you about this class for next year. You will not want your young adults to miss out!

High School – Save the Date – **Sunday August 23rd** following the 10:30 service - New Teen Lunch Forum.
– Real Questions – Real Answers

Sunday Morning Adult Education this Fall – One secret of a great Sunday morning is to begin with some time spent in discussion, thinking together about some aspect of Christian religion and culture: doing so “primes the pump” for prayer, and focuses and energizes the soul. As the Eagle went to press, final details on this fall’s offerings for adults were still being worked out, and we understand that some intriguing plans are yet to be announced, but (with a little prodding) Fr Dunbar did “lift the veil” on some Sunday morning adult classes:

- ***The Thirty-Nine Articles of Religion** – Father Dunbar with Fr O'Brien continues his summer course on this historic “formulary” of classical Anglicanism (Chapel)
- ***Caffeine & Christianity: the Faith, your Church, and Why You Should Care** – Jeremy Bergstrom leads a caffeinated - Young Adult Forum (20 to 40s) Reading Room, 3rd Floor, Cranmer Hall)
- ***Judgment & Expiation in Shakespeare’s History Plays** - David Noble leads a close and complete reading - in sequence - of Richard II, Henry IV Parts 1 & 2; Henry V; Henry VI Parts 1, 2 & 3; and Richard III (Green-Meldrim Library)
- ***“Are you really The One, or do I keep shopping?”** – Jack Wray (see page 16 for info!) (3rd floor Cranmer)

Weekday Study, Discussion, and Fellowship Groups for Men, for Women, for Young Adults – To be announced.

Next Deadline:
October 5, 2012

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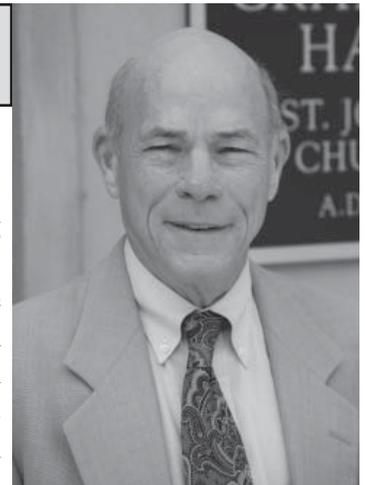
Are You Really the One or Do I Keep Shopping?

(Overview of the 9:30 Adult Sunday School Class to be taught by Jack Wray)

The Old Testament is many things. Most noticeably, it is history – long history, sometimes boring history, but always history pointing to revelation and leading us to an end time of triumph and glory with God. It is also poetry, narrative, prophecy, theology, hymnody, foretelling, tragedy and triumph. Its chief function is to reveal the mighty acts of God – the creation of man in Genesis, God’s covenant with man through Abram, the redemption of man in the Exodus, and the demands placed upon mankind in obedience to his law. Yet, underneath the printed word and beautifully crafted stories is a move toward something better than what we know, something we crave better than what we experience in our living. It is that something pulling on our hearts which cannot be ignored. That something is a person foretold in Old Testament prototypes and fulfilled in New Testament revelation. That person is of course Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament journey toward fulfillment, the person of Jesus is never mentioned, but the messianic prototypes in the Old Testament clearly point to the Son of God born of Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit in the New Testament.

We are going to look at five Old Testament prototypes and how Jesus of Nazareth consummated their fulfillment: Prophet, Priest, King, Servant, and Son of Man. In addition, we will look at the great ‘I AM’ sayings in John’s gospel that are linked with God’s name given to Moses in Exodus 3:13-15. Although not a prototype, the ‘I AM’ statements are the linchpin finalizing Jesus’ execution on the cross which fulfilled the Old Testament prototypes.

The central question behind this study is the one John’s disciples asked Jesus in Matthew 11:3 (paraphrased), “Are you REALLY the one, or do I keep shopping?” Hopefully this study will help us in moments of doubt as we seek our own answers.



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