



St Margaret's Notebook

August 30, 2007

From the Rector

School began earlier this month

yet the thermometer has continued to say "SUMMER."

Now that meteorologist Paul Ossmann predicts a week in the 80s,

I say, "It is beginning to feel like Fall."

The shift in season for me is about more than the temperature.

Yesterday, I caught the scent of newly sharpen pencils

as green Homework Helper pencil boxes were filled with supplies
in the back room of the Gable House.

This newsletter highlights the beginning of EFM - Education for Ministry

– an intense seminary sponsored bible study and theological reflection.

An intriguing monthly Wednesday night program is set.

Sunday morning classes for children, adults and newcomers are good to go.

We're getting things together for the Back to Business Picnic on the 9th.

The possibilities for nurture, study, worship and service are endless.

I invite you to prayerfully consider venturing into a new class or ministry this Fall.

Are you yearning to become more aware of Christ's presence in your life?

Have you ever worked in the Thrift Shop

or helped serve a meal at the Soup Kitchen?

How about joining the choir, becoming an acolyte or lay reader?

Maybe you want to consider running for vestry in December.

Perhaps you are considering having the bishop receive you into the

Episcopal Church during his visit on St. Margaret's Day (11/18).

Whatever your interest, know that your presence is vital to the parish family.

To paraphrase Frederick Buechner's reflection on Grace

"the party wouldn't complete without you."

Since I am already preaching, I'll go ahead and add the following words

from Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

compassion on this world.

Grateful to be a part of Christ's body in this place,

PICNIC

ANNUAL BACK TO BUSINESS PICNIC

WHEN: Sunday, September 9, 2007
PLAY TIME: 4:00 - 6:00 (socializing, badminton, fishing, tennis, kickball, football, moonwalk)
DINNER: 6:00 - 7:00
WHERE: Smokerise

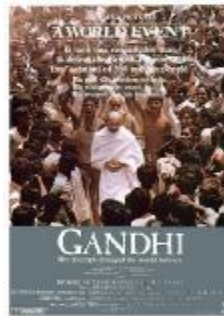
WHAT TO BRING: Please bring one side item per family i.e. chips, salad, side dish, dessert, enough to feed 6-8 people. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverage will be provided.

DIRECTIONS TO PICNIC

Start: St Margaret's Episcopal Church
 Turn left from church parking lot onto **NEWNAN ST.**
 Turn **RIGHT** onto **NEWNAN RD.**
 Cross over the by pass and past the City Jail.
 Turn **LEFT** at **Light** onto **OAK MOUNTAIN RD.**
 Turn **RIGHT** onto **SMOKERISE DR.**
 Turn **LEFT** onto **FOGGY BOTTOM DR.**
 Turn **RIGHT** onto **MINK HOLLOW DR.**
 At bottom of hill on right is entrance to picnic

ATTENTION ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS

This year we will be using the same format as last year, listening to a 20-30 minute part of an audio CD, and will be discussing "Early Christianity: from Jesus to Constantine." The class will meet in the Parish Hall, beginning September 16 at 10:10 am and every Sunday morning that Sunday school is scheduled. We will listen to the selected CD for the first 20-30 minutes, followed by a discussion. All interested adults are welcome. Please email Taylor Gordon at jtaylorgordon123@earthlink.net if you are interested so he will have an idea on how many course booklets to order.



Do you have the movie *Gandhi*? The J2A class would like to borrow it to use in their Sunday school class. Call the church office, 770-832-3931 or Julie Parrish, 770-830-0230 if you have a copy we can borrow.



YOUTH CHOIRS
 Youth Choirs schedule has been changed. It is now Sunday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. for grades 1 - 6 and Sunday, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. for 7 - 12 (they will overlap 30 minutes).
 No Wednesday rehearsals.

It's somebody's birthday!

**Join us Sunday, September 2
 between the services
 and celebrate Hazel's**



Birthday

(no gifts necessary but donations to the Rector's fund would be appreciated)

Back to Business Sunday

Join us Sunday, September 9
at 10:00 am in the parish hall.

Adult meet and greet - coffee and doughnuts

Opportunities for Ministries - Lay Read, Usher, Acolyte, Children's Church Shepherds, sing in the Choirs, join the Altar Guild, work in the Thrift Shop, volunteer for Outreach.

St Margaret's Polo shirts - limited shirts available.

SALE TO BENEFIT CAMP MIKELL

Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of Atlanta will be selling EPISCOPAL SHIELD MERCHANDISE on Sunday, September 9 to benefit Camp Mikell. Products include flip flops, long & short sleeved tee shirts, key rings, belts, hats, dog collars and leashes, tote bags, and mouse pads. Items range in price from \$ 7.00 to \$35.00.

Dear St. Margaret's,

Eric and I can not thank you enough for all of the support, calls, thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers and food you have showered us with over these last few weeks - they have sustained us through this challenging and uncertain time. I continue to heal from my surgery, and feel better little by little every day.

The boys are holding their own, but their condition is critical and far from stable, and will remain that way for some time. Please pray for them, their caregivers and the other infants in the NICU at Piedmont Hospital.

In the midst of all of the events we have lived through this month there have been many, many blessings. They are too countless to list here, but know that Eric and I count our St. Margaret's Family as one of the greatest gifts among them. We look forward to the day when we will bring Jack and Luke home to Carrollton and introduce them to all of you.

With Love,
Laura and Eric



Laura scrubbing up before going into the NICU to visit with Luke and Jack.

Adult Education

Dear Friends,

The Vestry and Hazel have asked me to put together a monthly series of Adult Education presentations and discussions that will be separate from the Sunday School Adult Education classes which take place between the services. Generally, a Wednesday evening works best because of the recreational schedule the other nights. Wednesdays are generally open for mid-week Church services. Our programs will be on the first or second Wednesday of the month.

I have tried to present a varied program that will be intellectually challenging and that will promote discussion among those attending. The format will be a 30-35 minute presentation by our speaker,

followed by a 25-30 minute question/answer/discussion from the audience. Wine will be served.

Our first program will be Astronomy and the Search for God and will be presented by Ken Turner, a former Program Director for Extragalactic Astronomy and Cosmology at the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. Ken also was a member of the Investigators Working Group of NASA's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. Ken and his wife are both members of St. Margaret's.

Please mark your calendars for what we hope will be some interesting and informative programs.

Bruce Bobick



What has been your experience with Education for Ministry?

Joann Ward writes:

"I went to EFM for a variety of reasons, but mostly I thought it would be a bible study and a way to get to know some more people in the parish. EFM during year one and year two does end up being a bible study, but not in the traditional format you're used to thinking of when you think of a bible study. It's much, much deeper. I did get to know more people in the parish, and I learned that my deepest thoughts are their deepest thoughts. You have to come to find out how that works. Yes, it's four years and it costs some serious money. It's a four year journey. Put it on the lay-away plan inside your computer bill paying program like I do. You CAN afford it. It's an important part of your spiritual journey, but it's also about growing into your own Self. Is it worth surrendering your Monday evenings for the next year? (Only take it a year at a time.) You bet! WARNING: Homework is required!

Pauline Rodwell says:

"EFM was a good experience for me. I chose to do it to learn more about the Bible and its writers, church history and whatever else it had to offer, but came away with so much more. I am now more comfortable in discussions regarding biblical and theological issues and am not afraid to ask questions. I also enjoyed the intimacy of the group and feeling part of a small family. Learning to think metaphorically was, at first, a challenge for me. Now I find it stimulating. In my groups, each participant brought something to a class (regardless of their background) whether they were aware of it or not. One of the best gifts I received from the 4 years in EFM was realizing (and remembering) the importance of community, not just among Episcopalians and Christians, but among all people. EFM requires a commitment and it is worth every ounce you can give it."

Georgia Meagher continues:

"EFM has been life changing for me. As a new Episcopalian, I have a lot to learn and I marvel at changes that have occurred in my life over the course of these last two years. I especially appreciate learning about the Old and New Testaments in their cultural contexts. Even more so, I appreciate the individuals who make up our group and the discussions we have. All of the experiences have brought enlightenment into my life as well as spiritual growth. "

New Acolytes - Hazel and Head Acolyte Andrew Gordon presented crosses to our newest acolytes on Sunday, August 26. Receiving their crosses were Alice Sawyer, Ellen Brady-McGaughey, Tom Fitzpatrick, Lucy Hughes Parrish, Harper Minor, James Cochran, Gareth Hoffman, and Will Cochran.



Safeguarding God's Children: Thanks to all who participated in the Safeguarding God's Children seminar. Special thanks to the Rev. Chris Hannum of the Diocese for leading the program.

Baby Shower Fun





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

30-Aug Hazel Glover
31-Aug Susan Cooper, Judith King

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

30-Aug Robert & Kathryn Coe
31-Aug Bruce & Sally Bobick

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01-Sep Bunny Godard, Pete Sciolis
02-Sep Emily Cumming
06-Sep Jay Sullivan
08-Sep Maddie Maierhofer
06-Sep David Greene
09-Sep Patricia Carter, Jane Baker
10-Sep Evelyn Daniell, Delaney Paul
12-Sep Gail Manley, Hugh Sawyer
14-Sep Austin Eades, Sue Medeiros
15-Sep Patsy Barr, Pam Griffin, Chloe Saunders, Micheal Crafton, James Williams, Daniel Williams
16-Sep Jack Crews
17-Sep Jan Roush, Tony McGauhey
18-Sep Gay Maxwell
19-Sep Emmery Cary, Bob Covel, George Lenaeus, Chris Pyles, Gracie Lu Hitchcock
20-Sep Clint Robinson, William Teasdale, Tim Paul
21-Sep Jim Burton, Bill Brewer, Jonathan Edwards-Opperman
23-Sep Ben Souigny, Simone Baret
24-Sep Cornelia Richards, Vaughn Gaddis
25-Sep Sam Parmer
26-Sep Anita Burbage, Noah Newborn
27-Sept Daniel Reed, Hutton Markwalter
28-Sept Jessica Dobbins
29-Sep Margaret Bass, Bailey Maierhofer
30-Sep Mike Coker

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

06-Sep Micheal & Lisa Crafton
11-Sep Gordon & Linda Ramsey
15-Sep Sumner & Alice Long
Tom & Elaine Miller
16-Sep Mark & Jenny Poindexter
20-Sep Steve & Monica Adams
23-Sep Swede & Meghan Sullivan
24-Sep Patrick & Carole Malloy

DID WE LEAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY OFF OUR LIST? CALL JULIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE, 770-832-3931 OR EMAIL: STMARGARETS@CHARTERINTERNET.COM WITH THE DATES.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 2 Baptism - Robert Scott Alt
Sept 3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
Sept 4 Thrift Shop Clean up - 9:00 am
Sept 9 Back to Business
9:00 am - Commission Sunday School teachers
10:10 am - Sunday School begins
10:10 am - Ministry Fair
4-7:00 pm - Back to business picnic
Sept 10-12 Clergy Fall Retreat
Sept 11 ECW Meeting - 12:00 noon
Sept 12 Adult Education Presentation / Discussion: Ken Turner - *Astronomy and the search for God* - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Sept 16 10:10 am - Adult Sunday School resumes
5:00 - 7:00 pm EYC resumes
Sept 18 Vestry Meets
Sept 23 5-7:00 pm EYC
Sept 30 10:10 am - Adult Inquirer's Class begins
12:30 - Newcomer's Luncheon
5-7:00 pm EYC
Oct 1 Thrift Shop Clean up 9:00 am
Oct 3 Adult Education Presentation / Discussion: Patrick Malloy: *God and Money* 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Oct 7 4:00 pm - Blessing of the Animals
5-7:00 pm - EYC Fall Service project
Oct 9 ECW Meeting - 12:00 noon
Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm
Oct 28 4-5:00 pm - All Hallows Eve Monster Mash
Nov 7 Adult Education Presentation / Discussion: Lew Larson: *Spirituality and the American Indian* - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
Nov 13 ECW Meeting - 12:00 noon
Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm
Nov 16-18 Happening Retreat, Camp Mikell
5-7 pm Youth Homework Helper Stocking
Nov 18 St Margaret's Day - Bishop Alexander visit, Confirmation

September 2, 2007

	9:00 am	11:00 am
Crucifer	Jay Sullivan	Michelle Foreman
Book Bearer	Kelsey Cain	Alice Sawyer
Taper	Jackie Cain	
	James Cochran	

Altar Guild Susan Lenaeus, Marcy Alexander, Jeanne Condrey, Carolyn Stone

Children's Church Mary Alice Cochran, Linda Parmer

Lay Readers

9:00 am	11:00 am
Rose Coker	Bob Claxton
Mike Coker	Stephanie Turner

Ushers

9:00 am	11:00 am
Jim Rash	Tom Foreman
Dan Cain	Tony McGaughey

Thrift Shop

Thrift Shop Closed for Labor Day Weekend
August 31 - September 1

Paper Pantry Elaine Holmes, Pamela Saunders

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH Bruce Bobick

September 9, 2007

	9:00	11:00 am
Crucifer	Anna Rash	Randy Hooper
Book Bearer	Julia Reed	Megan Hooper
Taper	Daniel Reed	
	Joe Shook	

Altar Guild Julie Lindahl, Marion Foreman, Julie Foreman, Alice Jakubiak, Andra Morris

Children's Church Catherine Minor, Julie Parrish

Lay Readers

9:00 am	11:00 am
Bill Shook	Van Wilks
David Lovvorn	Judith King

Ushers

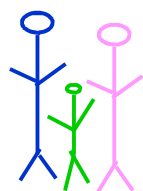
9:00 am	11:00 am
Randy Denmon	Bob Graf
Bruce Bobick	Mary hart

Thrift Shop

Sept 7
10:00am-1:00pm Bob and Karen Swanson
1:00-4:00 pm Nancy Disinger, Liz Mathews

Sept 8
10:00am-1:00pm Jan and Neal Uhlich

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**PICTORIAL
DIRECTORY**

TIMES RUNNING OUT

Please submit a family photo (one per family) to be used in our new directory. We would prefer the photo be submitted on a disk or electronically by email. If you don't have a photo, look for Liz Key or Julie Foreman after the service and have your picture taken. This directory will be produced in-house.

Deadline for photographs is September 9.

**YOUTH SUNDAY
SCHOOL
BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 9**

PRAYER LIST

Our parish family: Nicole, Katherine, Lisa, Sumner, Judy, Don, Laura, Luke and Jack, Larry, Alison, Joann

Family and friends: Ethan, Annalee, Jackie, Betty, Lainey, Eddie, Jon, Patsy, Betty, Angela, Summerville, Steve, Jamie, Virginia, Hubert, Bryan, Randy, Bernice, Nicky, Georgina, Edward, Sarah, Caitlin, Stan, Larry, Brenda, Carlton, Tina, Carolyn, Hope, Connie, Joan, Philip, Simone, Skyler, Ashley, Andrew, Eileen, Annie Mae, Ray, Esther, Kathleen, Cody, Brad, Anne, Theresa, Tina

Military: Walker, Steven, Drew, Lyle, Doug, Jessie, David, Neil, Matthew, Sarah and Robert

PRAYER REQUESTS may be submitted or removed by emailing Julie at Stmargarets@charterinternet.com or by phone 770-832-3931.

ST. MARGARET'S VESTRY

- Julie Cain - Sr. Warden
- Randy Coggins - Jr. Warden
- Ron Adams
- Jeanette Bernhardt
- Bruce Bobick
- Cindy Hull
- Catherine Minor
- Hugh Mitchell
- Bill Parrish
- Judy Reed
- Lin Reed
- Susan Souligny

VESTRY COMMISSIONS

- Parish Life** - Judy Reed, Randy Coggins
- Pastoral Care** - Susan Souligny, Jeanette Bernhardt
- Worship** - Cindy Hull, Jeanette Bernhardt, Ron Adams, Judy Reed
- Grounds & Operations (Acquisitions / Strategic planning)** - Lin Reed, Randy Coggins, Julie Cain, Bill Parrish, Bruce Bobick
- Christian Formation** - Catherine Minor (Youth), Bruce Bobick (Adult)
- Finance** - Bill Parrish, Randy Coggins, Lin Reed, Susan Souligny, Cindy Hull
- Outreach** - Hugh Mitchell, Bruce Bobick



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