



St Margaret's Notebook

November 28, 2007

From the rector

Several folks in the early years of discernment have found their way
to St Margaret's.

We have been a place, very different from their home parishes,
to explore and test their call to priesthood.

Each has gifted us with their presence and passion
and sense a continuing connection with St. Margaret's.

Keith Ogelsby was the first since I've been your rector.

Ordained last year he is now assistant rector at St Aiden's in Alpharetta.

Eric Thompson is currently a chaplain in the military.

Fred Rudolph decided to end his process.

John Herring and Penny Nash are both seniors in seminary

and will be ordained as transitional deacons on December 21, 2007
at the Cathedral of St Philip.

John is studying at School of Theology, Sewanee
and Penny at Candler School of Theology, Emory.

Ben Wells spent 10 weeks with us this year and will begin
a yet-to-be-determined seminary in September, 2009.

The mere listing of their names awakens memories, images and stories in me.

The mention of St Margaret's brings smiles to their faces as well.

Whenever I run into them around the diocese they ask about you,
often by name.

I, in turn, can't hold back my own smile coming from
a deep place of pride in your welcoming spirit –
which is one of the many layers of your ministry.

It is time to throw open your arms of welcome once again.

By God's grace, The Rev. Meredith Olsen will be among us
preaching, celebrating, teaching, and writing starting this Sunday.

(You will want to read her Advent article in this newsletter.)

She is a bright and gifted priest who will be with us over the next few months
as her husband completes his doctorate at Emory.

With delight and appreciation,



Advent



This Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year. Simply put, the church year is about remembering the full story: it is keeping time with Jesus through the feasts and seasons. One helpful way to think about the church year is to see it as a diamond. As we turn a diamond to see beauty in its many facets, so too the church year turns around us; we cycle through the seasons and are shown the many facets of Christ.

Advent is the first of these seasons. The liturgical colors of Advent are either violet or blue and these will be making an appearance on the altar table, the paraments and the clergy's vestments. Common symbols of the season are the Advent wreath, the Jesse tree, the Chrismon tree, the star of David, and the fleur-de-lis (particularly a symbol of the Blessed Virgin). The Advent wreath is made up of a circle of evergreens adorned with candles symbolizing the return of light and life. The Advent wreath was originally used as a family devotional practice and still is used in this way. In the twentieth century it gained popularity in liturgical use as well. One way to think of the Advent wreath is as the church's clock. It marks time in a season which is highly conscious of time as it awaits the coming of our Savior and Redeemer.

The word Advent is derived from the Latin *adventus* meaning "coming towards." The readings preceding and during this season, especially the Gospel readings, are very eschatological; they are about the end times and judgment. The first two Sundays in Advent focus on the eternal reign of Christ (continued from Christ the King Sunday) and the promise of his second coming. The third and fourth Sundays more clearly anticipate the coming of Christmas and its celebration. Many Christians have misunderstood the focus of Advent as being primarily concerned with Jesus' birth. Advent is a balance of three "advents" or comings towards. 1) Historical: we prepare for the coming of the baby in Bethlehem. 2) Eschatological: we prepare for the coming of Christ in glory at the end of time. 3) Spiritual: we prepare for Christ's coming to take up residence in our hearts. We have all three tenses of our lives represented: past, present, and future. Advent gives us an opportunity to ponder Christ, the one who was, who is, and who is to come. Advent is the celebration of the promises of Christ that will be fulfilled.

The themes from the Gospel for this Sunday, Advent 1, are watchfulness and the unexpected coming of the Son of Man. There are subtle ties to the Bethlehem narrative when the Messiah came—but not in ways that people expected.

The Rev. Meredith Olsen

'tis the season for sharing



PROJECT NOEL 2007

SMCO WILL AGAIN SERVE AS THE "MATCH-MAKER" FOR FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO EITHER ADOPT A NEEDY FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS OR SIMPLY HELP OUT WITH A FEW GIFTS. CONTACT OUTREACH OFFICE AT (770) 834-5282 IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN "SPONSORING" A BIT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR A NEEDY FRIEND THIS YEAR. **DEADLINE FOR MATCH-UP EXTENDED - WE NEED MORE SPONSORS.**



CARROLL COUNTY SOUP KITCHEN CHRISTMAS BOX PROJECT

St. Margaret's Community Outreach and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church have agreed again this year to provide 850 cans of meat for the Soup Kitchen's Christmas Box Project for needy families. Please help us meet our goal by bringing canned meat items (tuna, chicken, meat stew, corned beef, etc.) to the church kitchen or the narthex beginning **Sunday, November 25, 2007 and continuing through Sunday, December 9, 2007.** Please contact Outreach Office (770)834-5282 or Hugh Mitchell (770) 832-6694 for more information on helping with assembly and distribution of boxes.

*Once again, you are invited to fill a Christmas stocking for a child who attends Homework Helper, the after-school program conducted by St. Margaret's Community Outreach and its volunteers. Stockings may be picked up in the narthex on **Sunday, November 25, 2007 and Sunday, December 2, 2007.** Fill them with fun games; fill them with candy and small toys; fill them with your love. Stockings will be distributed to children at Homework Helper Christmas Party. **Please return filled stockings to church (or the church office) by Sunday, December 9, 2007.***



Adult Education

Presentation / Discussion:

Hugh Mitchell: *Christianity and War*

December 5, 2007

7:30 pm in the Parish Hall

After graduation from Auburn University and employment with IBM in Atlanta, Hugh Mitchell served 25 years as a Marine Corps pilot. During two Vietnam tours he flew A-4 Skyhawk attack aircraft and F-4 Phantom fighters. Other assignments included Naval Attache duty with the Defense Intelligence Agency, commanding officer of an AH-1 Cobra attack-helicopter squadron, and studies at the Naval War College.



Annual Christmas Pageant

Please sign up on the kitchen bulletin board to participate in the Annual Christmas Pageant. All participants are asked to attend three Saturday morning pageant practices, held in the sanctuary at 10 am. Practice dates for 2007 are December 8th, 15th and 22nd.

The pageant will be presented on Christmas Eve at the 6pm Eucharist.

Jack and Luke Update



Keep up with Luke and Jack Lenaeus on their blog.

<http://www.lukeandjack.blogspot.com/>

Stewardship Campaign is over for this year, but if you have not turned in a pledge card please do so by December 14. The finance committee is finalizing next year's budget and we need your pledges to do so

SCHEDULING: Julie is making out schedules for Lay Readers, Acolytes, Ushers, Children's Church, and Thrift Shop from January 6 through April 27, 2008. Please let her know of any dates that you are not available to serve.

Thrift Shop Clean Up Monday, December 3.

ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold their annual Christmas luncheon at 11:45 am, on

Tuesday, December 11 at the Mansion. As usual we ask that you bring a paper pantry gift of clothes for newborns. Please RSVP to the church office 770-832-3931 by December 7, 2007.



CHASE MEADOW LANE FARM 10th ANNIVERSARY - Nona Garson, Olympic and Grand Prix jumper rider, who has 17 times represented the United States in interna-

tional show jumping competition, will on December 1 and 2, from 8:30 am until 6:30 pm, be teaching riders at Chase Meadow Lane Farm located in the Clem community. The event marks the farm's Tenth Anniversary Fall Charity Open House, and will feature excellent riding demonstrations, outdoor recreational and experiential activities, music and food. The public is invited to attend; lawn chairs and warm clothing are recommended.

On Saturday evening, a private reception to honor Garson, *Evening with an Olympian V*, will benefit three local charities.

Just a Reflection on November 18, 2007 - Alex Brookhuis

In 1978, 25 years ago, I was baptized into the Southern Baptist Community. What it all meant at the time is still a mystery but over the years I went to a Baptist College, a Baptist Seminary, and a Methodist run Clinical Pastoral Education program. I worked as a Chaplain in two different hospitals, worked at two different Baptist Churches and one Presbyterian Church. Over these years I continued to search for significance of my journey. I finally found it.

November 18, 2007 I was graciously received into the Episcopalian fold, and St. Margaret's to be exact, by the laying on of hands by Bishop Alexander. What an awesome experience. This may not be earth shaking for most; it was a most defining moment in my faith crossing. Though it may sound as a cliché, the passing had the feel of reaching home. It is as if I had come out of the pouring rain and being dried by the loving hands of a mother, God. It feels safe, welcoming, and warm.

This day, November 18, even though it has been in the making for a while, is the first day of an exciting journey. Being an ordained minister in the Baptist Church I now begin my journey to be accepted and ordained as an Episcopal priest. I have a map of where the journey may take me but I do not have a clue as to what I may encounter while making the process. It is exciting to say the least.

I want to express my thanks to Hazel, our rector, for being a friend, a teacher, and a confident through this process up to this point. I will greatly lean on her for guidance as I try to figure out the twists and turns I will encounter. I want to express my gratitude to the congregation of St. Margaret for the friendship shown and the many encouraging words uttered. They mean so much to me. I hope, and ask, that you as a congregation will pray for me in my process.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the love you have shown me. I look forward to a full and loving experience here.



EYC CALENDAR December

3rd Icon Meditation for Advent, 5- 7 pm Come learn about the ancient practice of praying with Icons as a way to enter into the season of Advent in a deeper way this year.



10th Advent Prayer Partner & Adopt a Family Gift Stars, 5-7 pm Take some time to reflect on what you hope to get out of Advent, and what you can give to others through prayer and by sharing from your abundance with a child in need of love at Christmas.

16th Annual EYC Christmas Party, 5 – 7 pm

Something to look forward to all year, this party is tons of fun, and has a great purpose. Each year, EYC adopts a family through Community Outreach, and instead of exchanging gifts with each other; we purchase gifts for our family and collect them at our party. Dress warmly – this will be an outdoor event.



23rd NO EYC – SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

30th NO EYC – SCHOOL CHISTMAS HOLIDAYS



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

20-Nov Marlene Uglum, Katie Deems,
Margaret Primo
21-Nov Billy Lindahl, Olivia Crow,
23-Nov John Godard, Meredith Crow,
Samuel Jarrell, Elaine Holmes

24-Nov Snowe Wilks Greene
25-Nov Amanda Reynolds, Carol Cox
27-Nov Elizabeth Williams, Judy Smith
28-Nov Margaret Hickson, Tommy Cox
29-Nov Liz Mathews, Carolyn Stone, David Hoffman

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

21-Nov Fred & Jeanette Bernhardt
James & Shirley Hewitt
23-Nov Van & Kitty Wilks
Steven & Catherine Minor
David & Laura Hoffman
24-Nov Frank & Carol Chapman
25-Nov Nelson & Susan Gerber

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01-Dec Bob Aderhold, Alison Berard
02-Dec Amy Markwalter, Edward Bohannon
04-Dec Pat Brunson, Noah Brewer, Ginny Little,
Devin Dehon-Luckenbill
05-Dec James Wiggins, Natalie Richards
06-Dec Josh Erwin, David Griffin
08-Dec Tommy Griffin, Cody Kemp
09-Dec Helen Morgan, Bob Owen
10-Dec Justin Maierhofer, Richard Brown, Stephen Colditz,
Mary McManus, Sherry Foreman
12-Dec Taylor Bischoft
14-Dec Eric Lenaeus, Ann Ward
17-Dec Jincey Lumpkin, Kathleen Wells, Charlotte DuFour
18-Dec Diana Rash, Mary Alice Cochran
19-Dec Gregory Cary, Roy Richards, Betty Jo McCoy
21-Dec Jim Cunningham, Christy Hitchcock,
Ellen Brady-McGaughey
22-Dec Rose Coker
23-Dec James Morgan, Gerald Gristick
24-Dec David Lovvorn, Sidney Powers
25-Dec Meredith Austin, Turner Markwalter
26-Dec Hollis Miller, Bob Uglum
28-Dec Anna Rash, Lynne Mengel
29-Dec Joe Lee Palladino
30-Dec Chris Brown, Harris Holmes
31-Dec Jim Richards, Amberly Brown

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

08-Dec Glenn & Melissa Folds
21-Dec Harris & Elaine Holmes
22-Dec Jim & Bonnie Cooper
Gregory & Carolyn Cary
Lorene Flanders & Paul Campbell
28-Dec James & Marlene Uglum
Eric & Laura Lenaeus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 30 - Dec 2 Jr. DYC Retreat, Camp Mikell 6-8th Graders
Dec 3 Thrift Shop Work Day - 9:00 am
Dec 5 Ladies Christmas Brunch at First Christian Church at 11:30 in the Family Life Center on Ward Street.
Adult Education Presentation / Discussion: Hugh Mitchell *Christianity and War* 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall
Dec 8 Christmas pageant practice - 10:00 am
Dec 11 Christmas Lunch - 11:45 at the Mansion (please R.S.V.P. at 770-832-3931)
Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm
Dec 15 Christmas pageant practice - 10:00 am
Dec 16 Lessons and Carols, 9:00 and 11:00 EYC Christmas Party
Dec 23 Christmas pageant practice - 10:00 am
Dec 24 Christmas Eve
6:00 pm Christmas Pageant
10:30 pm Carol Singing
11:00 pm Christ Mass
Dec 25—Jan 2 Church office closed
Jan 6 Annual Epiphany party at Hazel's house 6-9:00 pm
Jan 9 Adult Education Presentation / Discussion: Bruce Bobick, *Deciphering Medieval Religious Paintings through Numerology*
Jan 20 Annual Parish Meeting - 10:00 am Election of 4 New Vestry members.

December 2, 2007

	9:00 am	11:00 am
Crucifer	Michelle Foreman	William Keene
Book Bearer	Julia Reed	Megan Hooper
Taper	Taylor Foreman Daniel Reed	

Altar Guild Liz Key, Fred Bernhardt, Jeanette Bernhardt, Rose Dufour, Cindy Hull

Children's Church Mary Alice Cochran, Linda Parmer

Lay Readers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Suzi Blosser	Judith King
	Alex Brookhus	Lacey Robinson

Ushers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Bruce Bobick	Mary Hart
	Guyton Cochran	Anne Norrell

Thrift Shop

Nov 30

10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Beverly Colditz, Diana Rash
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Emily Cumming, Pamela Saunders

Dec 1

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

PAPER PANTRY Martha Goodson, Elaine Holmes

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH

December 9, 2007

	9:00 am	11:00 am
Crucifer	Catherine Lindahl	Christopher Keene
Book Bearer	Kelsey Cain	Tom Fitzpatrick
Taper	Jackie Cain Joe Shook	

Altar Guild Judy Reed, Karen Adams, Debbie Pyles, Missy Sullivan

Children's Church Jill and Sam Jarrell

Lay Readers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Jim Cunningham	Patrick Malloy
	Kerry Penney	John Muffley

Ushers	9:00 am	11:00 am
	Nichole Bush	David Basil
	Dan Cain	Bob Graf

Thrift Shop

Dec 7

10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Bob and Karen Swanson
1:00 - 4:00 pm	Elaine Holmes, Ann Price

Dec 8

10:00 am - 1:00 pm Bob and Deloris Covell

PAPER PANTRY Martha Goodson, Elaine Holmes

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH Bill Parrish

PRAYER LIST

Our parish family: Nicole, Katherine, Lisa, Sumner, Luke and Jack, Larry, Joann, Mandy

Family and friends: Ethan, Annalee, Jackie, Lainey, Eddie, Jon, Betty, Angela, 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, Ray, Esther, Kathleen, Brad, Anne, Theresa, Tina, Sally, Cooper, Lee, Billie, Mary Anne, Murphy, Jeff, Lois, Paul, T. Haney, Clem, Lisa, Cy

Military: Walker, Steven, Drew, Lyle, Doug, Jessie, Matthew, Sarah, Robert, Marshall, Will, Jordan

Deaths: Margaret Oglesby, Jeanne Baret

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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