



St Margaret's Notebook

September 7, 2006

From the Rector

This week's newsletter - the "Back to Business" newsletter - is packed with excitement and invitation to ministry at St. Margaret's. Because this article is the last piece to be completed, I have had a chance to absorb the rest of the publication. I need to tell you, I am energized about this parish!

When I read Catherine's letter to Barry, Laura's "I love Sunday School" article, Jim Cunningham's appreciation and tribute to the youth choir and looked into the faces of the adult choir in Dr. Coe's photos I see Christ.

It is the glimpse of the divine that I feel often on Sunday morning - in the chaos of preparing for the service in the faces of acolytes, at EVERY baptism in the reading of scripture and celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the voices of the choir and the prayers of the people and in offering all of our journeys to God.

No doubt, God will show up at the Back to Business picnic on Sunday afternoon in conversations and laughter.

Frederick Buechner's quote about "grace" comes to mind right now

"The grace of God means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you."

Know that I am grateful to God for each of you -for your passion and for your presence at St. Margaret's.

Heard +



WE WILL RETURN TO TWO SERVICES - 9:00 and 11:00 am ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10



ATTN ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS: All teams will meet on Saturday, September 9, at 10:00 am for a training session.

Thrift Shop Clean up - Monday, September 11 at 9:00 am



"Convention deputies report September 23"

Deputies from the 75th General Convention and Bishop Alexander will report back to the diocese at a gathering from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept 23, at the Cathedral of St Philip. Come and hear about the response to the Windsor Report, the election of the 26th Presiding Bishop and all those matters of importance to Episcopalians but not covered by the secular media. All are welcome, and there will be ample time for questions.

ADULT CHOIR

Mid-week rehearsals for the Adult Choir will resume on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning September 13. Each Sunday this group of singers contribute greatly to the overall worship at St. Margaret's. They lead the congregation in the singing of hymns and the service music, and they present an anthem during the offertory. Their performance schedule also includes a Service of Lessons and Carols in December, and of course singing for special church events and/ or occasions such as St. Margaret's Sunday, Christmas Eve, Easter, and even the Blessing of the Animals. To those of you who enjoy singing but who are not participating in the choir at this time, I encourage you to consider joining this group of your fellow parishioners. It's a wonderful way to make another contribution and commitment to St. Margaret's—simply through your participation. For more information catch me at the church or call me at 770-832-3334.

Thanks,
Bob Coe



ADULT CHOIR HAS MANY FUN TIMES

PARTY AT THE COE'S



SING-ALONG AT THE CUMMING'S



“I shall sing ...”

September 4, 2006

Within the past month, Pam Griffin got up to address briefly the congregation and to encourage parents to consider involving their children in Children’s Choir. She commented about how many parents had said that there are so many conflicting activities competing for their and for their children’s time that it would be very difficult if not impossible to work it into the schedule. Pam, obviously understanding what a challenge that presents to parents now, reminded everyone about how important it is to establish clear priorities, and suggested that this needs be up near the top of anyone’s list.

Both our children participated in Children’s Choir at St. Margaret’s throughout their childhood. Both benefited from it equally. They began with it as the program itself began, as Pam established the Children’s Choir and St. Margaret’s affiliation with the Royal School of Church Music. It was great, of course, to sit and listen to the angelic voices of all the kids on Sunday mornings, and there was that selfish aspect of enjoyment and also of taking pride in what they were collectively accomplishing. But, much more importantly, there was the contribution we were making, as parents, to the education and training of our children by keeping them involved in a fun activity that included much serious music education, training in music theory, and education about the liturgy. In addition to the contribution that the youth choir(s) make to our small church, and to the fun that they have together while doing it, these kids are meanwhile having the opportunity to absorb valuable technical training in music in general, exposure to sacred music in particular, while gaining first-hand knowledge of the beauty of the Episcopal liturgy. They are, all this time, acquiring the habit of serving as an integral part of the church service and of the church as well: a habit that we as parents of course hope that they’ll hold onto all their lives.

“I shall sing with the spirit and with the understanding also....” 1Corinthians 14:15

This is the Royal School of Church Music motto worldwide. I had to smile as I read one of our daughter’s many

college application essays and saw this as the initial heading. The essay opened explaining briefly what an impact RSCM had had on her personally and on her music ability and especially on cultivating within her a love of music. Not everyone aims toward a professional career in music. But every child can benefit enormously from the sort of experience that St. Margaret’s youth choirs offer. The RSCM program offers opportunities for each child to progress through various level of achievement: milestones marking their progress along the way.

A small church like St. Margaret’s is extraordinarily fortunate to have such a program available for its children. Any church, of any size, would be lucky to have such a program. It would be a shame for parents to take it for granted; to fail to appreciate just what an opportunity it offers their children. I hope, as parents consider the many conflicting priorities in scheduling, that they fully appreciate how critically important something like this is to the development of a child within a church community: how important it is to the cultivation of the sort of adult we all hope our children someday to be.

Jim Cunningham

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Youth Choirs

We hope to have three choirs as follows:

1st and 2nd graders-rehearsals on Wednesdays

4:30-5:00 p.m.

3rd -8th graders - rehearsals on Wednesdays

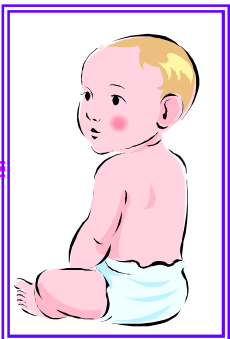
5:15 – 6:15 pm

High school – rehearsals on Sundays,

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The younger choirs rehearse every week and sing once a month at the 9:00 a.m. service. The high school choir is present every Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. service, singing an anthem approximately once a month. Choir practice for the two younger choirs will begin September 6. The high school choir practice will begin September 17. If your child is interested in singing, please contact Pam Griffin at 770-830-8826.

notes from SMCO



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the diapers you brought to your church's Paper Pantry for me. The only thing better than a clean, dry diaper is knowing you all care about me and my mom, even though you don't even know us. I'm happy now, and my mom is too.

Yours truly,
Carrollton Baby

August 25, 2006

Dear Barry,

Five hundred, twenty-five thousand, six hundred minutes. That's how long it's been since you left. A year. A long year. A challenging year. A wonderful year during which I have learned more from you and about you than you could have ever told me or taught me. An enlightening year during which I have developed a fierce pride in the work you started for the rest of us to continue. An exhausting year which has demanded my every ounce of energy to keep the pace. A year of remembrance. A year of appreciation. Of you. As I sit in the chair where you sat for so long in the office where you worked for so long, I feel your presence. In the people we help, in the lives we touch and sometimes change, I feel your guidance. In the plans we make and the things we accomplish, I feel your pride. Know that we still miss you. Know that we still celebrate you. Know what an inspiration you were and continue to be to those of us who were privileged to know you.

*Love,
Catherine*



Homework Helper 2006 - 2007

hits the ground running,

thanks in large part to **FUNDING** from Carrollton Golden K Kiwanis, Georgia Farm Bureau Women's Group and St. Margaret's, **VOLUNTEERS** from University of West Georgia, Carroll County 4-H Clubs and St. Margaret's and **SUPPORT** and **DIRECTION** from Mary Hart.

Thank you, one and all!



PICNIC

ANNUAL BACK TO BUSINESS PICNIC

WHEN: Sunday, September 10, 2006

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 or salad or side dish or dessert, enough to feed 6-8 people.

Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverage will be provided.



Back to Business Picnic

Directions

Start:

St Margaret's Episcopal Church: 770-832-3931
606 Newnan St, Carrollton, GA 30117

End:

Smokerise Picnic Grounds
Mink Hollow Dr
Carrollton, GA 30116

Turn left from church parking lot onto NEWMAN ST.

Turn RIGHT onto NEWMAN RD. 2.8 miles

Turn LEFT at Light onto OAK MOUNTAIN RD. 0.5 miles

Turn RIGHT onto SMOKERISE DR. 0.1 miles

Turn LEFT onto FOGGY BOTTOM DR. 0.2 miles

Turn RIGHT onto MINK HOLLOW DR. 0.1 miles

At bottom of hill on right is entrance to picnic grounds

**ANNUAL YOUTH -
ADULT TWO-HAND
TOUCH FOOTBALL
GAME AT B2B Picnic**
starts at 5 pm this Sunday at Smokerise – don't miss it!



THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

We will again hold a pumpkin sale in October as a fundraiser for our children's and youth programs. Our truck is scheduled to



arrive on **October 10th at 4 pm** – mark the date on your calendar and plan to bring the whole family to help us turn the front lawn into a sea of orange and smiles. Stay for a cookout after the truck leaves. Volunteers are also needed to staff the patch in shifts. See the calendar on the kitchen bulleting board to sign up.

ECW

The ECW will meet on Tuesday, September 12 at 12:00 noon in the parish hall. Please bring a salad to share.

Thrift Shop

We are in need of more workers for the thrift shop. If we had more, workers wouldn't have to work every month. You only have to work 1 1/2 hours per shift. This is a great ministry to the Community Outreach Program. Men are welcome to work. Please call Julie at the church or Fred Bernhardt @ 770-832-2143 if you want to volunteer.

We, also, need a carpenter who can remove a window at the thrift shop, install an AC unit (donated by Moores Appliance) and frame above the AC unit with glass. There is an electrical outlet next to the window. We need to install two ceiling fans and additional light fixtures which will involve some new wiring. Please call Fred if you can assist in this work.



Last week I was in a Christian Bookstore, looking for a few things we needed as our Sunday school starts back up, when I stumbled upon a bag of pins that read “I BELIEVE in SUNDAY SCHOOL”. I was tempted to buy the whole lot but refrained. Campaign buttons are fun, and the mid-term elections are upon us, but somehow Sunday school doesn’t seem like something to grandstand about. Wearing that button to St. Margaret’s would be more like preaching to the choir as they say. Or would it? Maybe I should launch a publicity tour of town, knocking on doors and reminding parents how important early faith formation is in the lives of children and youth. It is certainly a subject I am passionate about; I could probably go on all day talking up our

wonderful teachers, classrooms and curricula, not to mention the benefits that come from being a part of a faith community. I could even put up a sign on Newnan Road that says “On September 10th, VOTE Sunday School”. Well, maybe that would be too much. In truth though, I have spent the better part of August campaigning for our wonderful Sunday school programs; on the phone recruiting new teachers, in church on Sunday mornings, with parents and kids at our open house, and even to a shy teenager or two. What do you know about our Sunday school program? Do you know that when we say our classes are ready for the fall, we are talking about physically and spiritually? That each room is clean, stocked with all the important things like art supplies, pens and paper, a curriculum we are confident in, reference materials including copies of The Bible (several translations for older students), The Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal at minimum? Did you know that we view each and every Sunday school room as a sacred space, and that is why we spend so much time and effort to make sure they are warm, inviting and safe places for all who enter them? Do you know that each of our volunteer teachers is hand selected to match up their talents and gifts specifically with the age and curriculum they are working with? Do you know that we have someone who prays for our volunteers by name as part of their spiritual practice?

Come see what is happening upstairs on the Sunday School hall this year. Pray for our students, parents and teachers. Vote for Sunday school, bring your children each week – we’ll be waiting.

Laura Leneaues

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REMINDER - Sunday School Teacher Commissioning will take place at the 9 am Eucharist on Sunday, September 10th.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS: Each week, all students in Sunday school receive a small snack as part of their fellowship. This year we are asking for your help to stock the snack pantry in each room. On the first day of class, send your child with enough of his or her favorite drink and a nut free snack food to share with the class (approximately 10 kids). If you can’t bring it on the first day of class, don’t worry, just



send it the next!



EYC UPDATE: We officially start back on Sunday Sept 17th! We will meet at the church from 5 – 7 pm for dinner, teambuilding and games. All youth in grades 6 – 12 are invited. Come join the fun! A full calendar of fall events is posted on the kitchen bulletin board, including dinner host sign up slots for each week.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL-THE LIFE AND WRITINGS OF C. S. LEWIS - Please join us beginning September 10 at 10:10 A.M. for a year long series on The Life and Writings of C. S. Lewis. We will be using an audio lecture format divided into twelve 30-45 minute lectures taught by Professor Louis Markos from the Houston Baptist University. We have a tentative schedule set for each lecture, and will spend the first 20 minutes of the class listening to part of the assigned lecture for that Sunday, and the last 20 minutes in a discussion of the material and how it relates to the teachings of Christianity.

The Carrollton Ministerial Alliance
Invites you to
A Service of Remembrance and
Prayer for Peace

Monday, September 11
12:00 pm



At
Saint Andrew
United Methodist Church
1106 Maple Street,
Carrollton



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 06-Sep Jay Sullivan
- 08-Sep Maddie Maierhofer
- 06-Sep David Greene
- 09-Sep Sarah Austin, Patricia Carter, Jane Baker
- 10-Sep Evelyn Daniell, Delaney Paul
- 12-Sep Gail Manley
- 13-Sep Marynell Nour
- 14-Sep Austin Eades, Sue Medeiros
- 15-Sep Patsy Barr, Pam Griffin, Chloe Saunders,
Micheal Crafton
- 16-Sep Jack Crews
- 17-Sep Jan Roush
- 18-Sep Gay Maxwell
- 19-Sep Emmery Cary, Bob Covell, George Lenaeus,
Chris Pyles, Gracie Lu Hitchcock
- 20-Sep Clint Robinson, William Teasdale, Tim Paul
- 21-Sep Jim Burton, Bill Brewer
- 23-Sep Ben Souigny, Simone Baret,
Emma Grace Timms
- 24-Sep Cornelia Richards, Vaughn Gaddis
- 25-Sep Sam Parmer
- 26-Sep Anita Burbage
- 27-Sept Daniel Reed, Hutton Markwalter
- 28-Sept Jessica Dobbins
- 29-Sep Margaret Bass
- 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 9	Altar Guild Meeting - 10:00 am
Sept 10	Back to business Sunday - Return to two services - 9:00 am and 11:00 am 10:10 am Sunday School begins 4:00 - 7:00 pm Parish Picnic
Sept 11-13	Hazel at Clergy Conference
Sept 12	ECW - 12:00 noon - parish hall
Sept 14-17	Hazel and Catherine at National Jubilee seminar in Los Angeles
Sept 18	Finance Committee Meeting - 5:30 pm
Sept 19	Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm - den of Gable House
Sept 23	Convention Deputies from 75th General Convention and Bishop Alexander – St Phillips Cathedral 10am-12noon
Sept 27	Wednesday night program –details to follow - 6-7:00 pm
Oct 4	Wednesday night program 6-7:00 pm
Oct 8	Blessing of the Animals - 4:00 pm Pumpkins arrive
Oct 9	Finance Meeting - 5:30 pm
Oct 10	ECW Meeting - 12:00 noon - Parish Hall Pumpkins Arrive - 4:00 pm Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm - Gable House
Oct 11	Wednesday night program 6-7:00 pm

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2006

ACOLYTES

9:00 am

Crucifer Andrew Gordon
Book Bearer Allison Gordon
Taper Jack Bernhardt, Julia Bernhardt

11:00 am

Crucifer Sam Goodson
Book Bearer Anna Rash

ALTAR GUILD: Julie Lindahl, Marion Foreman, Julie Foreman, Andra Morris, Alice Jakubiak

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Karen Adams, Mary Alice Cochran

LAYREADERS

9:00 Marcy Alexander, Jo Fortner
11:00 Jim Mathews, Bill Brewer

USHERS

9:00 Kevin Bernhardt, Guyton Cochran
11:00 Richard Colditz, Hugh Mitchell

GREETERS

9:00 Angie and Tony Hall
11:00 Carol Mitchell

PAPER PANTRY Martha Setter, Pamela Saunders

THRIFT SHOP

Sept 8 10-1:00 Beverly Colditz, Carolyn Cary
1-4:00 Max Stephens, Emily Cumming
Sept 9 10-1:00 Fred & Jeanette Bernhardt

SEPTEMBER HOSTESSES: Rose Coker, Elizabeth Basil, Kathy Edwards-Opperman, Bunchie Engel, Elaine Holmes, Georgia Keene, Marynell Nour, Barbara Paul, Kathie Schoerner, Karen Swanson, Jane Turner, Stephanie Turner

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH
Jim Rash

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

ACOLYTES

9:00 am

Crucifer Rob Cooper
Book Bearer Kelsey Cain
Taper Jackie Cain, Emmery Cary

11:00 am

Crucifer Haley Hart
Book Bearer Catherine Lindahl

ALTAR GUILD: Liz Key, Jeanette Bernhardt, Rose Dufour, Fred Bernhardt, Cindy Hull

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Lynda Gerber, Susan Gerber

LAYREADERS

9:00 Taylor Gordon, Jim Cunningham
11:00 Van Wilks, Rose Dufour

USHERS

9:00 Dan Cain, Randy Coggins
11:00 Tom Foreman, Chris Lindahl

GREETERS

9:00 Elisabeth Coggins
11:00 John and Cindy Hull

PAPER PANTRY

THRIFT SHOP

Sept 15 10-1:00 Lee Newell, Cornelia Richards
1-4:00 Emily Cumming, Andra McGill
Sept 16 10-1:00 Margaret Hickson, John Muffley

SEPTEMBER HOSTESSES: Rose Coker, Elizabeth Basil, Kathy Edwards-Opperman, Bunchie Engel, Elaine Holmes, Georgia Keene, Marynell Nour, Barbara Paul, Kathie Schoerner, Karen Swanson, Jane Turner, Stephanie Turner

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH
Jim Rash

PRAYER LIST

Ethan	Annalee	Jackie	Cooper Bell
Susan	Nicole	Katherine	Amy
Dottie	Alice	Canton	Clem
Betty	Don	Buzz	Edie
Jim	Ruth	Gloria	Scott
Eddie	James	Jon	Turner
Cliette	Bud	Patsy	Jennifer
Kim & Laney		Stine Family	

Military: Ed, Walker, Steven, Drew, Lyle, John, Doug, Jessie, David, Jon

Deaths: Verna Dozier

ST. MARGARET'S VESTRY

Anne Norrell - Sr. Warden

Liz Key - Jr. Warden

Ron Adams

Jeanette Bernhardt

Marcy Brewer

Julie Cain

Randy Coggins

Catherine Minor

Hugh Mitchell

Bill Parrish

Jim Rash

Susan Souligny



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