



From the rector

The back room of the Gable House is filling with bicycles and colorfully wrapped gifts.

Folding chairs spaced out around the room are used for sorting,
each chair with the name of the family taped to the back.

In the parish hall there is another kind of sorting and labeling going on.

Angel and sheep and cow and wise men costumes are laid out -
each marked with the name of the intended wearer.

Elizabeth will be Mary; Will, Joseph; Gareth, a wise man; Riley Grace, the cow.

Riley Grace's mom told me that she really wanted to be the cow.

Kids sometimes know exactly where they fit in the nativity scene.

David Bottoms' poem, "Our Presbyterian Christmas," comes to mind.

*Wings and halos,
all she'd talked about for weeks, and there they hung,
two racks sparkling like silver dust.
A woman holding a clipboard licked
the tip of a pencil. What was my daughter's name and age?
The fours would be shepherds, the fives
would be angels.*

*We were late and huffing
and thought we'd misheard.
Rachel looked at me, eyes wrinkled,
and turned to the table
where a pile of rags lay like dead leaves,
then faced in tears that stony Presbyterian stare.
She could be an angel next year,
the woman said, if they let the children choose,
they'd all be angels.*

The last line "if they let the children choose," causes me to wonder
which character this adult would choose to be
if I got to be in the pageant. How about you?

Blessings for a holy Christmas to you and those you love,

Hazel +

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE-Thanks to all who have made a pledge, so far we have received 122 pledges for a total of \$292,570. If you would like to make a pledge it's not too late to do so. Call Julie in the church office, 770-832-3931, and she will send a pledge card to you or you can pledge on line at our website: www.stmargaretsga.org.



PROJECT NOEL SPONSORS PLEASE
REMEMBER TO DELIVER ALL GIFTS TO
THE GABLE HOUSE BY NOON ON FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 18.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE

Final pageant practice will be Saturday
December 19 at 10 am in the sanctuary. At
5:00 pm the pageant cast/crew will have dinner at the
Empire Grill on the Square. For more information
please contact Bunchie Engel at (770) 883-0232 or at
lengel72@yahoo.com.

**ATTENTION ACCOLYTES,
LAY READERS,
USHERS, and
THRIFT SHOP WORKERS**

The schedules for January—March will be prepared soon. Please let Julie in the church office, 770-832-3931 or Stmargarets@charterinternet.com, know of any dates that you will not be able to serve.

The new scheduled will be emailed out the week of
December 28.



**CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS
MEMORIALS AND**

HONORARIUMS: To make a
donation for poinsettias as a
memorial or in thanksgiving, to decorate the
church at Christmas, please contact Julie in
the church office, 770-832-3931 or
stmargarets@charterinternet.com
Deadline is December 22.

EYC NEWS – DECEMBER 2009



SAVE THE DATE: The annual EYC Ski Trip is coming up fast! We will travel to Boone, NC over President's Day weekend, February 12 – 15, 2010. Registration forms are available on the kitchen bulletin board. We will stay at the Valle Crusis Conference Center, an Episcopal retreat center owned by the Diocese of Western North Carolina and ski at Sugar and Beech Mountains. The cost is \$400 for skiers and \$420 for boarders, and includes transportation, lodging, meals, equipment rental, lift tickets and a tee shirt. Partial scholarships are available.



EYC Christmas Outreach Projects: Every year, the EYC “adopts” a group of teens selected by St. Margaret's Community Outreach. Each EYCer chooses a gift from a teens wish list, purchases it and brings it wrapped and labeled to our EYC Christmas Party on December 20th at the Christmas party (or to the church office on Friday, December 18th by 12:00 noon). Youth are encouraged to use their own money to purchase the gifts, so it is truly from them. Please contact Laura Lenaeus with any questions about this annual holiday outreach project of EYC.

Upcoming EYC Events:

Sunday, December 20th: 3 – 5 pm, Christmas Party at the Coggins Family Farm, 600 Hilltop Rd, Roopville, GA. Bring a \$5 gift to swap, and your wrapped & labeled Adopt-a-teen gift.



NO EYC ON SUNDAYS DECEMBER 27th or JANUARY 3rd.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2009

December 24

5:00 pm Pageant participants arrive in parish hall.

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist and Christmas pageant

10:30 pm Carol singing

11:00 pm Christ Mass - Holy Eucharist

December 27 **MORNING PRAYER SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 A.M.**

December 28-January 1 Church office closed

December 30 NO MID-WEEK SERVICE

January 3, 2010 Epiphany Party at Hazel's 6:30-8:00pm



OVERHEARD AT THE MAGI CLUB



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*We welcome to
the household of God
Ryan Christian Weber
Sunday, December 13, 2009.
Ryan is the daughter of
Ryan and Julie weber*

Congratulations to Ben Lawrence on being confirmed Sunday, December 13 at the Cathedral of St. Phillip. Ben is pictured with the Very Rev. Hazel Glover and Bishop Alexander.



*We celebrate the birth of
Reagan Ansley Willis
on December 9, 2009.
Reagan is the daughter of
Chuck and Melissa Willis and
sister to Liam, Gracie, and Charlie.*

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

The Vestry Nominating Committee is accepting names of parishioners willing to serve a three-year term on the Vestry. Perhaps you or someone you know would like to be of service to St. Margaret's in this capacity. A nominee must give permission to have her/his name submitted as a candidate.

The Vestry is composed of twelve members, each serving a three-year rotating term. The Vestry meets once a month, on the second Tuesday evening, and is responsible for the "business" of running the church.

Those qualified to hold the office of Vestry Member shall be as follows:

Any confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is not less than eighteen years of age, a regular attendant upon the services in the year preceding election, and known by the Treasurer to have made and maintained a stated financial commitment for church support in the year preceding election.

Please give this matter prayerful thought and consideration. The future of St. Margaret's depends on it!

_____ Please enter my name for consideration for the Vestry.

_____ Please enter the name below for consideration.

I have personally secured this person's permission to place his/her name in nomination for the Vestry.

Name _____

Phone no _____ Email address: _____

DEADLINE: Please return application and biography to: St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Vestry Nominations Committee, 606 Newnan Street, Carrollton, Georgia 30117. For more information please contact a Vestry Nomination Committee member Bruce Bobick, Cindy Hull, Judy Reed, Lin Reed .

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

17-Dec Jincey Lumpkin, Kathleen Wells,
Charlotte DuFour
18-Dec Diana Rash, Mary Alice Cochran
19-Dec Gregory Cary, Roy Richards
21-Dec Jim Cunningham, Christy Hitchcock,
Ellen Brady-McGaughey
22-Dec Rose Coker
23-Dec James Morgan
24-Dec David Lovvorn, Sidney Powers
25-Dec Meredith Austin, Turner Markwalter
26-Dec 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, Pam Castleberry

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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
29-Dec Ryan & Julie Weber

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

03-Jan Emma Engel
05-Jan Carol Mitchell
06-Jan Taylor Gordon
08-Jan Angie Hall, Gordon Ramsey
09-Jan Elizabeth Crafton, Gail Lumpkin, Sandy Stephens,
Troy Baker
10-Jan Taylor Foreman
11-Jan Liz Key, Beth Richards, Mavis Watts
12-Jan Meg Popwell
14-Jan Michael Williams, Julie Williard
15-Jan Linwood Reed, Dede Chase, Mathew Basil
17-Jan Trey Fleck
18-Jan Gittle Sciolis, Levi Campbell
19-Jan Tim Jones
20-Jan Mary Katheryn Denmon, Bill Doxey,
Ronnie Hitchcock, Bonnie Cooper
21-Jan Inman Hébert
22-Jan Hue Maierhofer
23-Jan Van Wilks, Benjamin Doxey, Ron Harrell,
Julie Weber
24-Jan Peg Irwin, Will Denney
25-Jan John Yates, Georgia Meagher
27-Jan Ron Berard, Kathryn Coe, Bunchie Engel
28-Jan John Gerber, Sally Bobick
29-Jan Martha Goodson
31-Jan Olive Godwin

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

16-Jan Bob & Debris Covel
30-Jan Max & Sandy Stephens

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

Dec 16 Intercessory Prayer service 12:00
Mid-Week Eucharist 12:15

Dec 19 Christmas pageant rehearsal - 10:00am
Christmas pageant cast dinner at Empire Grill
5:00 pm

Dec 20 EYC party

Dec 23 NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

Dec 24 6:00 pm Christmas pageant and
Holy Eucharist
10:30 pm Carol singing
11:00 pm Christ Mass

Dec 27 **10:00 am Morning Prayer Only**

Dec 30 NO MIDWEEK SERVICE

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Jan 3 Annual Epiphany party at Hazel's house
6-8:00 pm

Jan 6 Intercessory Prayer service 12:00
Mid-Week Eucharist 12:15

Jan 10 Blood pressure checks - 10:00 am

Jan 13 Intercessory Prayer service 12:00
Mid-Week Eucharist 12:15

Adult Education Forum - 7:30

Jan 20 Intercessory Prayer service 12:00
Mid-Week Eucharist 12:15

Jan 21 Prayer Shawl Ministry - 10:00 am

December 20, 2009

	9:00 am	11:00
Crucifer	Catherine Lindahl	Michelle Foreman
Bookbearer	Mary Kathryn Denmon	Taylor Foreman
Taperer	Maggie Denmon	Liam Hulstine

Altar Guild Marcy Alexander, Lisa Crafton, Kathryn Grams

Children's Church Nichole Bush

Lay Readers

9:00	Bob Sullivan, Pam Castleberry
11:00	Tony McGaughey, Stephanie Turner

Ushers

9:00	Randy and Lisanne Denmon
11:00	Tom Foreman, Mary Hart

Thrift Shop

Dec 18	
10:00-2:00	Gail Manley, Carol Mitchell
Dec 19	
10:00-1:00	Rose Dufour, Margaret Hickson

December Paper Pantry Martha Goodson, Pamela Saunders

December Hostesses Martha Goodson, Marcy Alexander, Misy Sullivan, Cyle Bohannon, Mimsie Lanier, Nancy Disinger

December Vestry Person of the Month

Richard Smith

December 24, 2009

	6:00 pm	11:00 pm
Crucifer	T.B.A.	Allison Gordon
Bookbearer	Wrenn Parrish	Zachary Gordon
Taperer	Maggie Denmon	Michelle Foreman
	Lucy Hughes Parrish	Catherine Lindahl

Altar Guild Susan Lenaeus, Jeanne Condrey, Peter Croft,

Lay Readers

6:00	Mike and Rose Coker
11:00	Taylor Gordon, Lacey Robinson

Ushers

9:00	Randy and Elisabeth Coggins, T.B.A.
11:00	Jim Rash, Peter Weimer, Chris Lindahl

Thrift Shop

CLOSED DECEMBER 25, 2009 - JANUARY 2, 2010

December 27 - MORNING PRAYER - 10:00 am

Crucifer - Ariel Reynolds

Lay Readers - Jo Fortner, Jim Cunningham

PRAYER LIST

Our parish family: Annalee, Katherine, Sumner, Margaret, Joe, Chris, Nicole, Jack, Luke, Olive, Dave

Family and friends: Jackie, Lainey, Nicky, Brenda, Tina, Murphy, Lisa, Jeanette, Sarah, Maya Ruby, Laura, Elizabeth, Sylvia, Dorothy, Hazel, Jackson, Gene, Larry, David, Steve, Suzanne, Jennifer, Mary, Mac, Martha, Ralph, Frank, Kristi, Renee, Johnny, Georgia, Katherine, Donna, Jim, Tammy, Mary, Charlotte, Paula, Lucille, Clem, Hope, Sharon, Bob, Eddie, Cindy, Peggy, Erna, Thomas, Nancy, Sheila, Billy, Jessi, Nathan, Merlean, Kaitlin, Jon, Mary, Jeanne, Gordon, Harriett, Alexis, Kay

Military: Steven, Lyle, Doug, Jessie, Matthew, Sarah, Robert, Elizabeth, Jordan, Stacey, William, Ty

ST. MARGARET'S VESTRY

Bruce Bobick - Sr. Warden

John Muffley - Jr. Warden

Dan Cain

Guyton Cochran

Lisanne Denmon

Cindy Hull

Tony McGaughey

Bill Parrish

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Richard Smith

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