



St Margaret's eNotes

From the rector

In one of his sermons

Fred Craddock tells the story of a young mother who once told him
"I didn't think I believed in God until we had the baby.
I needed someone to thank every time I bent over into the crib
to take care of my baby."

Advent calls us to remember that our savior is always present
just waiting for us to notice.

The smallest twinge of appreciation
can open our hearts to the full presence of the savior.

I love to read Anne Weems' poems in *Kneeling in Bethlehem* this time of year.

This poem, "To Listen, To Look,"
invites us to open our hearts and souls as we
engage the season of Advent.

Is it all sewn up--my life?

Is it at this point so predictable,

so orderly,

so neat,

so arranged,

so right,

That I don't have time or space

for listening for the rustle of angels' wings

or running to stables to see a baby?

Could this be what he meant when he said

listen, those that have ears to hear...

look, those who have eyes to see?

O God, give me the humbleness of those shepherds

who saw in the cold December darkness

the coming of Light, the Advent of Love!

Even when, especially when, we think we have life, ourselves,
God, and others figured out - the holy one surprises us.

May your Advent be full of holy surprises!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hays +".



**ANNUAL ECW
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**


The annual Christmas ECW luncheon will be held at Sunnyside Cafe on Tuesday, December 14 at 11:45. Please R.S.V.P. by December 9th to Julie Foreman in the church office, 770-832-3931 if you plan to attend. Please remember to bring an unwrapped newborn sleeper (gender neutral) for babies served through Paper Pantry.

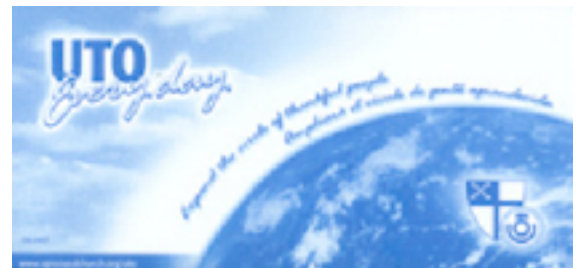
**2010
Christmas
Pageant**



All children of St. Margaret's are invited to participate in the annual Christmas Pageant, presented at the 6 o'clock Eucharist on Christmas Eve. A sign up sheet for the Christmas Pageant can be found on the bulletin board in the kitchen. Practices will be held on the following Saturdays: 12/4, 12/11, and 12/18 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. For more information call or email Bunchie Engel 770-883-0232 or lengel72@yahoo.com

EYC DECEMBER

- 3 - 5 JR. EYC Retreat at Camp Mikell for 6 - 8 graders. See kitchen bulletin board for registration forms!
- 5 *Adopt - a - Family Night*
Each year, St. Margaret's Community Outreach makes it possible for EYC members to "adopt" a local teen for Christmas. EYC members are asked to use their own money to buy a gift from the wish list of the teen they adopt, and to pray for them throughout Advent and Christmas. Gifts are collected at the annual EYC Christmas party and distributed by SMCO.
- 12 *Advent Event!* 
After dinner, we'll sort the Homework Helper Stockings that parishioners have filled prior to their distribution during the week, and bless them before we send them out at a special Advent Prayer service.
- 19 Christmas Party at the Cochran's Home, 5-7 pm
Campfire, Carol-sing and a \$5 Gift Swap at the Cochran's home on Bonner Road. Bring your adopt-a-teen gift for distribution through St. Margaret's Community Outreach.
- 26 NO EYC - Christmas Break



UTO

Known worldwide as UTO, the United Thank Offering awards grants for projects that address human needs and help alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally within Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. Ministries in the Diocese of Atlanta have been generously supported by past UTO grants. On Sunday, December 5 all loose change in the plate will be donated to UTO. If you have a UTO box please place it in the collection plate.

CHRISTMAS TREES, WREATHS, AND GARLAND can be picked up on Sunday, December 5 in the memorial garden.



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 email at stmargaretsga@gmail.com. Deadline is Dec 22.

HOMEWORK HELPER STOCKINGS

Please remember to return your Homework Helper stockings this Sunday, December 5.



*We welcome to the household of God
Thomas Kelley Maierhofer
son of Justin and Kelly,
and grandson of Max and Sandy Stephens and
Dick and Margaret Maierhofer on Sunday,
November 28, 2010*



*We celebrate the birth of
Marianne Gabrielle James
on Monday, November 22, 2010.
Marianne is the daughter of
David and Bridget James and
granddaughter of
Bruce and Sally Bobick*



Holiday Service Opportunities

HOMEWORK HELPER CHRISTMAS STOCKING

Please return filled stocking(s) to narthex or church office by Sunday, Dec. 5th.



CONTRIBUTE TO BACKPACK SNACK PROGRAM

Patterned after a similar program of Second Harvest, a national non-profit food bank, this program provides backpacks stocked with weekend snacks to local elementary/middle school students who have been identified as at-risk for hunger.



Donations of snack items are needed for the long holiday break for Christmas and to begin the new year.

For more information, please call SMC/Church Office (770)832-3931 or e-mail Chimen Rogers at chimen.rogers@nscorp.com.

HELP THE CARROLL COUNTY SOUP KITCHEN



CHRISTMAS BOX SCHEDULE:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR EACH OF THE FOLLOWING...

During the week of December 6th, the Soup Kitchen will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to receive donated goods. Volunteers will organize and inventory the food on Thursday and Friday of that week.

On Saturday, December 11th (8:30 a.m. until noon)
400 boxes will be packed for delivery to the homebound on Monday.

On Monday, December 13th (8:30 a.m. until 10:00, approximately) the 400 boxes will be loaded and delivered.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, December 14th & 15th (8:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.) boxes will be distributed from the Carroll County Soup Kitchen. (new location)

The total number of Christmas boxes is not yet known. Last year, 1188 families were served. Requests are expected to surpass that number this year.

St. Margaret's will support the Carroll County Soup Kitchen with a financial contribution, to assist with the purchase of needed items. You may add to that contribution if you like by either noting "Soup Kitchen" on your donation to SMC, or making your donation directly to Carroll County Soup Kitchen, P. O. Box 2457, Carrollton, 30112, or you may donate online at www.carrollcountysoupkitchen.org.

Questions may be addressed to Eddie Adams (770)317-0423.

Advent Wreaths

December 2, 2010



December 2010 Month At A Glance

- Diocesan Event
- Christian Education
- Off Campus Events
- EYC
- Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 NO EYC --...nksgiving 9:00 AM HE Rite II 10:10 AM Advent Wreath Making 11:00 AM HE Rite II	29 6:00 PM UWG Campus Ministry	30 8:30 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM Church Staff Mtg 3:30 PM Homework Helper	1 8:30 AM Morning Prayer 10:00 AM EFM 12:15 PM Wkly Eu- 7:30 PM AA Mtg 7:30 PM Adult Educa- Speaker:	2 8:30 AM Morning Prayer	3 Jr DYC @ Camp Mikell	4 10:00 AM Christmas Pageant practice
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01-Dec Bob Aderhold, Alison Berard
- 02-Dec Amy Markwalter, Edward Bohannon
- 04-Dec Pat Brunson
- 10-Dec Justin Maierhofer, Richard Brown, Stephen Colditz, Sherry Foreman
- 12-Dec Riley Grace Cofield
- 14-Dec Eric Lenaeus, Ann Ward
- 18-Dec Diana Rash, Mary Alice Cochran
- 19-Dec Greg Cary
- 21-Dec Jim Cunningham, Christy Hitchcock, Ellen Brady-McGaughey
- 22-Dec Rose Coker
- 24-Dec David Lovvorn, Sidney Powers
- 25-Dec Meredith Austin, Turner Markwalter
- 26-Dec Bob Uglum
- 28-Dec Anna Rash, Lynne Mengel
- 30-Dec Chris Brown, Harris Holmes
- 31-Dec Pam Castleberry

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 08-Dec Glenn & Melissa Folds
- 21-Dec Harris & Elaine Holmes
- 22-Dec Jim & Bonnie Cooper
Gregory & Carolyn Cary
- 27-Dec Jay & Margaret Louttit
- 28-Dec James & Marlene Uglum
Eric & Laura Lenaeus
- 29-Dec Ryan & Julie Weber

Did we leave your birthday or anniversary off our list? Please call or email Julie in the church office (770)832-3931 or stmargaretsga@gmail.com with the dates.

December 5, 2010

9:00
Crucifer Zachary Gordon
Bookbearer Emmery Cary
Taperer Lillie Cary
 Liam Hulstine

11:00
 Elizabeth Crafton
 Aaron Reynolds

Lay Readers 9:00
 Joe Garrett
 Pam Castleberry

11:00
 Jacob Hall
 Pauline Rodwell

Ushers 9:00
 Bruce Bobick
 David Reynolds

11:00
 John Muffley
 Craig Williard

Children's Church Karen Adams

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

Thrift Shop
 Dec 3
 10-2:00 Liz Key, Gail Manley

Dec 4
 10-1:00 Jan & Neal Uhlich

December Paper Pantry Elaine Holmes, Gail Manley

December Hostesses Martha Goodson, Marcy Alexander, Cyle Bohannon, Nancy Disinger, Mimsie Lanier, Jan Uhlich

Vestry Person of the Month Karen Swanson

December 12, 2010

9:00
Crucifer Sam Jarrell
Bookbearer Elizabeth Adams
Taperer Lucy Hughes Parrish
 Martin Shook

11:00
 Megan Hooper
 Ellen Brady-McGaughey

Lay Readers 9:00
 Jim Naughton
 Bill Shook

11:00
 Richard Smith
 Van Wilks

Ushers 9:00
 Guyton Cochran
 Susan Fleck

11:00
 George Lenaeus
 Tony McGaughey

Children's Church Laurie Fleck

Altar Guild Judy Reed, Debbie Pyles, Karen Adams, Marsha Daniel

Thrift Shop
 Dec 10
 10:00-2:00 Mary Jones, Liz Mathews

Dec 11
 10:00-1:00 Margaret Hickson, Elaine MacKinnon

December Paper Pantry Elaine Holmes, Gail Manley

December Hostesses Martha Goodson, Marcy Alexander, Cyle Bohannon, Nancy Disinger, Mimsie Lanier, Jan Uhlich

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PRAYER LIST

Our parish family: Katherine, Margaret, Nicole, Dave, Jan, Olive, Peg, Judy, Mary, Tom, Liz, Mary, Judith, Judy, Mary Jane

Family and friends: Elizabeth, Sylvia, Larry, Suzanne, Frank, Renee, Katherine, Jim, Paula, Jessi, Lesley, Craig, Camille, Elizabeth, Brandon, Elliot, Carla, Mett, Guy, Peg, Guy, Nancy, Mary, Jill, Thomas, Jennifer, Judy, Wendy, Nigel, Michelle, Brennen, Barry, Jim, Frances, Jeanne, Charlotte, Alexis, Will, C.J., Bob, Robin, Tommy, Donn, Bob, Tom, Drew, Robby

Military: Steven, Drew, Lyle, Doug, Matthew, Robert, Jordan, Stacey, William, Justin, Alex, Larry