



St Margaret's Notebook

December 4, 2008

An Encounter with the Divine

This past Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent, I made a last minute decision to attend the 9:00 service instead of the 11:00. Fran was out of town so I thought I would go to "early church" then get a head start on some of my Sunday chores. Instead of taking my usual front row pew, I chose the back pew for no apparent reason.

About half way through the service a young woman slid silently into the pew directly across from me. She wasn't one of the regulars and appeared a bit apprehensive as she sat silently. We exchanged the peace and I tried my feeble best to show warmth in making her feel welcomed. She smiled and acknowledged my greeting.

After the service, I made it a point to introduce myself and asked her name, which she volunteered was Angelia. She hesitated a moment as we went out the church doors. In a halting voice she asked me if we (St. Margaret's) had any provisions for assisting someone in need of help with rent. Then she began trying to justify her request saying that she had just arrived in Carrollton and was trying to find work. She went on to say that her Thanksgiving had been sad as she had a close family member to die on a recently past Thanksgiving Day. A single tear welled in the corner of her eye.

As fate would have it, Catherine Gordon was only a few steps behind. She and I communicated silently as our eyes met. She knew exactly what was going on and stepped up to where Angelia and I were talking. Then the Divine happened.

With all the Grace, Dignity and Compassion of a saint, Catherine lifted her hand and wiped the tear from Angelia's eye and in a tender voice said, "Do we need to talk?" WOW! God was standing right in front of me. It was without a doubt an Encounter with the Divine.

I don't know what become of Angelia but I'm sure she is better after talking with Catherine. What I do know for certain is that I was in the presence of our Lord in the narthex of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church this First Sunday of Advent 2008.

Thanks to Catherine and all who make Outreach possible.

Peace,

Lacey

ANNUAL ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The annual Christmas ECW luncheon will be held at Little Hawaiian on Tuesday, December 9 at 12:00 noon. Please R.S.V.P. to Julie Foreman in the church office, 770-832-3931 if you plan to attend. Please remember to bring an unwrapped newborn sleepers and socks (gender neutral) for babies served through Paper Pantry.



UTO Fall end gathering. Please bring money from boxes by Sunday, December 14, 2008



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 Altar Guild President Susan L-naeus, at 770-832-7909. Deadline is December 21.

ATTENTION ACCOLYTES, LAY READERS, USHERS, THRIFT SHOP WORKERS

The January - April 2009 service schedules will be prepared in December. Please let Julie in the church office know of any dates that you will not be able to serve.

HELP WANTED

The Thrift Shop needs volunteers for all shifts. Shifts are 1 1/2 hours long on Friday or Saturday. If you would like to volunteer please contact Julie in the church office 770-832-3931.

Diocesan Events



The **Church of the Epiphany** will present an exhibit of nativity scenes from around the world from Saturday, Nov. 29 to Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2089 E. Ponce de Leon Ave., Atlanta. Over past 13 years, the exhibit has grown to over 250 crèches. The Festival Singers of Atlanta will present a Christmas program at 7:30 p.m. Friday,

Dec., 5. The exhibit will be free to concert goers; donations for the exhibit are appreciated.

Carroll County Community Chorus

presents
a holiday concert series

Christmas in Carroll County A Family Celebration

Charles Allen, Conduction
Jan Adams, Accompanist

Friday, December 12
At 7:30 pm

And Saturday, December 13

At 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 pm

Tickets \$10

770-838-1083

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE

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. Practice dates are Saturdays December 6, 13 and 20 at 10 am in the sanctuary. Please sign up on the kitchen bulletin board if you would like to participate. Parents are needed to help coordinate costumes, lines and set – please see Laura Lenaeus if you can assist.



UPCOMING EYC EVENTS:

December 7th : Adopt-a-teen night and Advent Prayer Partner, 5 – 7 pm

December 14th : No regular EYC – attend Diocesan Confirmation, 4 pm

December 21st : Christmas Party with Prayer Partner Gift Swap and Adopt-a-teen gift collection at the Rash Residence, 5 – 7 pm

January 4th, 2009: Epiphany Party at Hazel's

January 9th – 11th: SR DYC retreat at Camp Mikell (forms on kitchen bulletin board)

February 13th – 16th: Annual Ski Trip to Boone, NC (forms on the kitchen bulletin board)

HOMEWORK HELPER STOCK-

INGS: If you missed the deadline to turn in your stocking, it's not too late. Drop it off at church and we will be sure to get it to one of our sweet homework helper students in time for Christmas.



ALL CHRISTMAS GREENS ORDERED FROM OUR J2A CLASS MAY BE PICKED UP THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 7 AT THE CHURCH.



DIOCESAN CONFIRMA-

TION: Please keep the members of our YAC (Young Adults in the Church) 1 Sunday School class in your prayer as they prepare for the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, December 14th. Diocesan Confirmation will be held at 4 pm at the

Cathedral of St. Philip. All are welcome and invited to attend. Member of the YAC 1 Class are: Julia Reed, Brianna Sullivan, Allison Gordon, Ariel Reynolds, Catherine Lindahl, Michelle Foreman, Roger Schoerner, Jonathan Edwards.

Rite 13

Joshua Howel I

My name is Joshua Howell. I am 13 years old, and I go to Temple Middle School. I am in the 8th grade. I am in the FBLA and on the honor roll.

I enjoy hanging out with my friends and riding my go-cart. I also enjoy spending time with my family and going camping. I do not have any siblings, but I do have a cat and a dog. My parents are Ronnie and Pam Howell. They have always been there for me and supporting me. I love them very much.

St. Margaret's is the best church I have ever been to. Everyone there is so nice and supportive. One of my favorite things is going to EYC. It is a great chance to make new friends and relate to people at church. I also like being an acolyte. It is fun being involved with the church. Hazel is awesome and one of the best people I've ever met. I really love being at St. Margaret's.



Aaron Reynolds

I was born April 14, 1995 at Tanner Hospital in Carrollton, Georgia to David and Amanda Reynolds. In my early years, I remember Father Callahan reading to all the little kids on the church steps. The things that I enjoy to do now are playing football, golf, wrestling, and going to youth group where we have a lot of fun. My family now consists of my mom and dad, my sister, and my pets, Bear, Tiger, Annie and Ted. The only thing that had happened recently are that both of my grandparents moved to Carrollton, we used to have to drive several hours to see them, but now it only takes a few minutes. So far that is all that has happened in my life.



Holiday Service Opportunities

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, especially for the long holiday breaks for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

For more information, please call Cher Hendricks at (678)427-4931 or e-mail at cher@westga.edu.

CHRISTMAS BOX SCHEDULE:



During the week of December 8th, the Soup Kitchen will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. each day to receive donated goods. Volunteers will organize and inventory the food on Thursday and Friday of that week.

On Saturday, December 13th (8:30 a.m. until noon approximately) 400 boxes will be packed for delivery to the homebound on Monday.

On Monday, December 15th the 400 boxes will be loaded and delivered.

On Tuesday, December 16th, boxes will be picked up at the Tabernacle Baptist Church.

The total number of Christmas boxes is not known because applications will be accepted through November 24th. Last year, 988 families were served. Requests are expected to possibly reach 1500 this year.

Anyone wishing to help is asked to contact Hugh Mitchell at hugh.mitchell8@gmail.com, or call him at (770)832-6694.

Advent





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01-Dec Bob Aderhold, Alison Berard
 02-Dec Amy Markwalter,
 Edward Bohannon
 04-Dec Pat Brunson, Noah Brewer, Ginny Little
 05-Dec James Wiggins, Natalie Richards
 06-Dec Josh Erwin, David Griffin
 08-Dec Tommy Griffin, Cody Kemp
 09-Dec Bob Owen
 10-Dec Justin Maierhofer, Richard Brown,
 Stephen Colditz, 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
 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 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,
 Pam Castleberry

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

- Dec 5-7 JR DYC
 Dec 6 Pageant practice 10:00 am
 Dec 9 ECW Christmas Luncheon
 Dec 13 Pageant practice 10:00 am
 Dec 14 Diocesan Confirmation at Cathedral - 4:00 pm
 Dec 20 Pageant practice 10:00 am
 Dec 21 Lessons and Carols - 9:00 am and 11:00 am
 Dec 24 6:00 pm Christmas pageant
 10:30 pm Carol singing
 11:00 pm Christ Mass
 Dec 28 **MORNING PRAYER**
ONE SERVICE ONLY AT 10:00 am
 Jan 4 Epiphany Party, Hazel's House
 Jan 7 Wednesday Night Adult Education Series
 Jan 9-11 SR DYC

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.

DECEMBER 7, 2008

	9:00 am	11:00
Crucifer	Michelle Foreman	Randy Hooper
Book Bearer	Gareth Hoffman	Megan Hooper
Taper	Ella Daniel Taylor Foreman	

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

Children's Church Linda Parmer

Lay Readers

9:00 Amanda Reynolds, Marcy Alexander
11:00 Chris and Julie Lindahl

Ushers

9:00 Laura and David Hoffman
11:00 Fred Bernhardt, George Lenaeus

Thrift Shop

December 5

10:00-1:00 Bob and Karen Swanson
 1:00-4:00 Neal and Jan Uhlich

December 6

10-1:00 Bob and Deloris Covell

December Hostesses

Mimsie Lanier, Cyle Bonannon, Nancy Disinger, Martha Goodson, Linda Parmer, Ali Garrett, Missy Sullivan,

December Paper Pantry Karen Adams, Elaine Holmes

DECEMBER VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH

Tony McGaughey

DECEMBER 14, 2008

	9:00 am	11:00
Crucifer	Ariel Reynolds	William Keene
Book Bearer	Delaney Paul	Joshua Howell
Taper	Julia Bernhardt Cate Paul	

Altar Guild Georgia Keene, Nancy Disinger Diana Rash, Carolyn Stone

Children's Church Mary Alice Cochran

Lay Readers

9:00 Mike and Rose Coker
11:00 Bunny Godard, Lacey Robinson

Ushers

9:00 Kevin Bernhardt, Nichole Bush
11:00 David Basil, Bob Graf

Thrift Shop

December 12

10:00-1:00 Diana Rash, Gail Manley
 1:00-4:00 Pamela Saunders, T.B.A

December 13

10-1:00 Mary Aderhold, Rose Dufour

December Hostesses

Mimsie Lanier, Cyle Bonannon, Nancy Disinger, Martha Goodson, Linda Parmer, Ali Garrett, Missy Sullivan,

December Paper Pantry Karen Adams, Elaine Holmes

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PRAYER LIST

Our parish family: Nicole, Katherine, Sumner, Luke and Jack, Jan, Alice, Georgia, Chris, Annalee, Sarah, Margaret, Joe, Jane, Suzi, Pamela

Family and friends: Jackie, Lainey, Nicky, Brenda, Tina, Barbara, Murphy, Lois, Henry, Lisa, Jeanette, Cliff, Renee, Maya Ruby, Gladys, Clara, Brenda, Laura, Elizabeth, Cynthia, Dorothy, Brent, Hazel, Carmen, Kathy, Lucille, Kim, Jackson, Bruce, Jane, Gene, Sylvia, Paula, Betty and Scott, Mark, Mary, Jane, Jim, Steven

Military: Walker, Steven, Lyle, Doug, Jessie, Matthew, Sarah, Robert, Elizabeth, Will, Jordan, Stacey, William, Andrew, William

“Our prayer unites us” The intercessory prayer group is now meeting at a new time on Wednesdays. The meeting time is 12:00 NOON and is followed by the celebration of the Eucharist at 12:15PM. You are welcome to join us for this very important intercessory ministry. Anyone desiring intercessory prayer, or if you have someone you would wish to nominate to receive the blessing of these prayers, please contact Nancy Elder or Julie. We will pray for people for a period of one month and then we need to be advised if additional *time is needed*. As it is important to keep this intercessory list current, please plan on advising us when the need for specific prayer for an individual has terminated. This will prevent us from having a long unwieldy list of persons no longer in need.

ST. MARGARET'S VESTRY

Bruce Bobick - Sr. Warden

Randy Coggins - Jr. Warden

Guyton Cochran

Cindy Hull

Tony McGaughey

Catherine Minor

Andra Morris

John Muffley

Hugh Mitchell

Judy Reed

Lin Reed

Susan Souigny



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