



St Margaret's Episcopal Church

St Margaret's Notebook

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Have you ever felt like the kid in the movie, "The Sixth Sense"?
Who communicated with dead people? I know I have.

Just the other night – maybe the night of Martin Luther King's birthday –
I dreamed about Barry Staples.
She was standing in the Outreach office
dressed in her usual fare - jeans and sweatshirt.
She looked thin... but healthy, solid, and whole.
Barry didn't speak outright to me in the dream
yet I could sense her delight at being in the Gable House.
My hope is that she can now take in the deep impact that her life
as Director of St. Margaret's Community Outreach
had on the people of "Carroll and surrounding counties"
(or, as she was fond of saying "out here past the Kudzu line.")
I felt a sense of her delight in the direction and energy that
Catherine Gordon has brought to the task of carrying on
this ministry of compassion.

Our call is ultimately a call of compassion.

Jesus is very clear about compassion in scripture:
"Feed my sheep." "Jesus wept."
"Love one another." "Judge not."
"As you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to me."
"Let the little children come to me."

Henri Nouwen once wrote about compassion in this way:

"Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in mercy, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion is not a bending towards the underprivileged from a privileged position it is not a reaching out from on high to those who are less fortunate below; it is not a gesture of sympathy, or pity, for those who fail to make it in the upward pull."

As we prepare for the Annual Meeting of our parish
As we look back over the last year in this place
I am overwhelmed by your compassion
as we have buried many that we love
as we have been blessed by new members
as we have put our finances in order
and tended to the business of running the church.
You have lived into the call this year... of compassion and grace.

It is a place of deep delight!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan 22 Annual Meeting
(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)

Inquirer's Class begins
4:5:30 pm in the Gable
House Den
- Feb 7 Annual Presbyterian
soup luncheon 11:30-
1:00 pm
- Feb 12 Pre Ski Trip Information
Meeting – for all who are
going on the trip (youth
and adult).
- Feb 14 ECW Valentine Lunch
- Feb 17 EYC Ski Trip
- Feb 28 Shrove Tuesday
- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday
- Apr 9 Palm Sunday
- Apr 13 Maundy Thursday
- Apr 14 Good Friday
- Apr 16 Easter Sunday

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VESTRY NOMINEES

Hugh Mitchell

- Graduated from Auburn University's School of Engineering
- Served 25 years as a Marine Corps aviator. Assignments included squadron commanding officer, combat in Vietnam, studies at the Naval War College and as U.S. Naval Attached in Jamaica.
- Has served as a military Protestant Lay Leader, and in civilian life as a vestry member and junior warden.
- Helped found and chaired the Hiwassee River Watershed Coalition, a clean water advocacy group in the mountains of northeast Georgia and western North Carolina.
- Currently a member of the master gardeners group, Friends of McIntosh Reserve, and the local chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.
- Married to Carol Cox; we have sons in Macon and in Oxford, Mississippi, and a daughter in Atlanta.

Catherine Minor

I have lived in Carrollton for the past 10 years, and have been a member of St Margaret's for the past seven. I am a "life-long" Episcopalian. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Philips in Atlanta, and participated in youth group at St Paul's in Newnan, the church where I grew up. Steve and I were married in All Saints, the church I was attending when I lived in Atlanta.

Steve and I have three children that keep us very busy. Harper, our 6 year old daughter, is a first grader. Charlie is 4 years old, and Martha just celebrated her 1-year birthday in November. Steve is a lawyer at Tisinger, Tisinger, Vance & Greer and I am a stay at home Mom.

Our family appreciates the warm welcome we have received at St. Margaret's. Steve and I have enjoyed seeing the kids participate in some of the many programs and activities the church provides. And our excitement is muted compared to that of our children, who truly love participating in Children's Church, Sunday school, the Christmas Pageant, the Halloween Party, and the blessing of the animals, among other activities. I greatly appreciate the Church's obvious dedication to the children, and the growth opportunities this provides.

I have also greatly benefited from my personal involvement in the Church. I am certain that I have learned much more than my pupils in Sunday school, as teaching the children helped me regain the sense of wonderment and awe that religion should, I think, inspire. My past service working in the Thrift Shop has reminded me to appreciate my blessings.

I am proud of Saint Margaret's for many reasons, but mostly because of the important work of our Outreach program, and because I believe Saint Margaret's strives to be a community designed to foster religious growth through open-minded, non-judgmental inquiry. As a member of the vestry, I would try to help the Church continue its growth in these areas. I would be honored and humbled to serve.

Randy Coggins

Randy began going to St. John's in College Park with his parents at the age of six. He was very active in the church and was confirmed at 12. Randy's dad Jim started the Boy Scout troop that met at St. John's, and Randy was the first Boy Scout in the troop to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout- Order of the Arrow.

After graduating from Russell High in East Point, Randy joined the Navy where he spent 2 years in Viet Nam on the aircraft carrier Constellation. After completing his tour in the Navy, Randy joined the East Point Fire Dept.

In 1975 he married Mary Elisabeth Smith from College Park, and they have two daughters, Sierra and Cheyanne.

In 1987 the Coggins moved to Carrollton, where they began to attend services at St. Margaret's and soon knew that this was the church that they had been looking for. Randy has been an usher for a number of years and since retiring after 31 years at the fire dept., he has wanted to become more active with the church. He has helped with the Pumpkin Patch and is head of the Grounds Committee. Randy enjoys working in his vegetable garden, taking care of the cows, building furniture and traveling. He is President of the Carroll County Young Farmers and a member of the Carroll County Cattlemen's Assn. Now that he has a little more time, he would like to help St. Margaret's in any way that he can.

Susan Souigny

I have been a member of Saint Margaret's since we moved to Carrollton in 1980. I am a "cradle Episcopalian" and have three grown children. I have served on the Vestry on two other occasions. I was also on the Search Committee that selected Hazel, and have been a member of the Altar Guild for about 10 years.

I have always been very proud of our church and what we represent to the community. My professional experience with DFAC and my current position as the Victim Advocate for State Court I understand the problems Outreach struggles with on a daily basis and am anxious to provide my support and assistance to this vital program of our church.

This is an exciting time of growth for Saint Margaret's and I look forward to serving on the Vestry in any capacity.

Carrollton Presbyterian Soup Luncheon

The Women of the Carrollton Presbyterian Church cordially invite the women of our church to attend their annual soup luncheon to be held in Westminster Hall of the Carrollton Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. Lunch will be served from 11:30 until 1:00 pm.

A nursery and sandwich lunch will be provided for the children. A number count of children would be helpful to our nursery attendants.

This year the Women of the

Carrollton Presbyterian Church would like to take this opportunity to help the Carroll County Women Shelter. Included below is a list of items for which the shelter has a continuing need. If you would like to help, please bring something from the list to the luncheon. This is purely voluntary—you are invited to lunch either way.

SHELTER NEEDS:

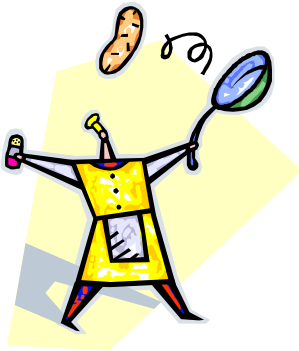
Toilet tissue, cleaning supplies, paper towels, baby supplies and baby food



ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, January 22,
10:00



It's BREAKFAST TIME!

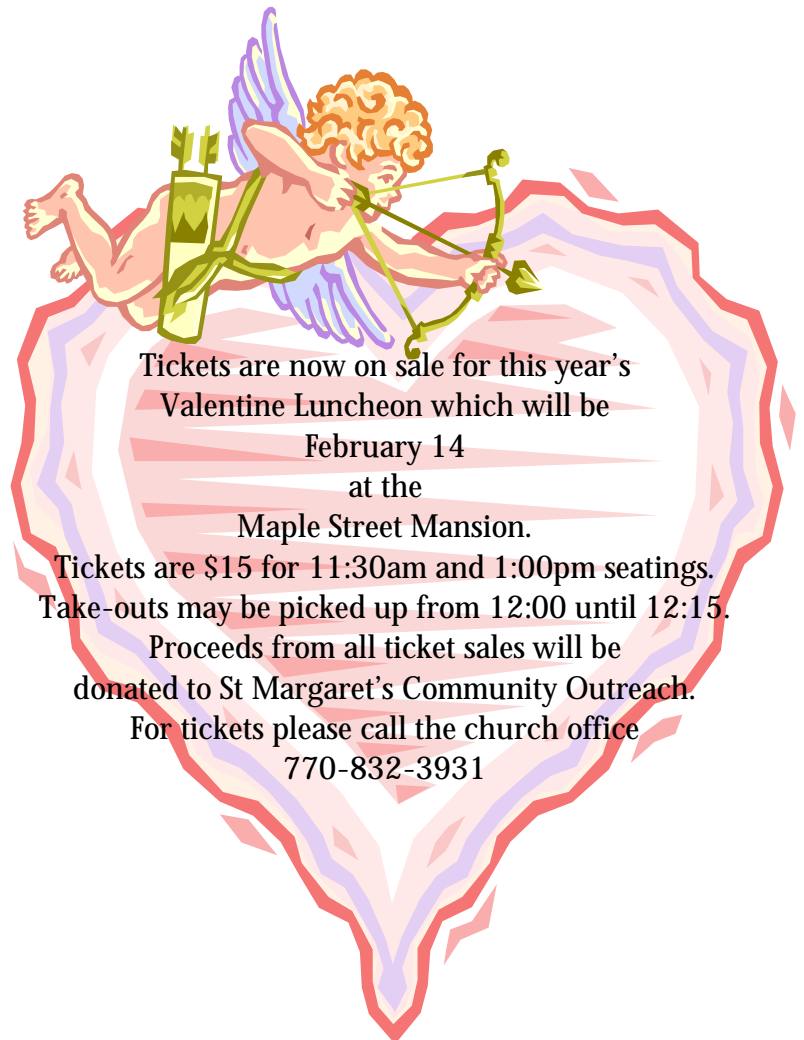


The Kiwanis – Kroger “All You Can Eat” Pancake Breakfasts every Saturday in February 2006 at Maple Street Mansion, 7:30 am – Noon. Tickets \$6.00 each and available through Outreach Office.

Call (770-832-3931) or come by the church offices for tickets.

UPCOMING EYC EVENTS:

Jan 22 - Regular Meeting
Jan 29 – Regular Meeting
Feb 5 – Regular Meeting (Valentine's for Homework Helper Kids)
Feb 12 – Pre Ski Trip Informational Meeting – for all who are going on the trip (youth and adult).



Tickets are now on sale for this year's Valentine Luncheon which will be
February 14
at the
Maple Street Mansion.

Tickets are \$15 for 11:30am and 1:00pm seatings. Take-outs may be picked up from 12:00 until 12:15.

Proceeds from all ticket sales will be donated to St Margaret's Community Outreach.

For tickets please call the church office
770-832-3931

SERVERS FOR JANUARY 22, 2006

**Readings: Jeremiah 3:21-4:2, 1 Corinthians 7:17-23
Mark 1:14-20, Psalm 130**

ACOLYTES

	9:00 am	11:00 am
Crucifer	Mary Beth Hardin	Christopher Keene
Bookbearer	Ariel Reynolds	Randy Hooper
Taperer	Taylor Foreman Aaron Reynolds	

ALTAR GUILD: Judy Reed, Debbie Pyles, Missy Sullivan, Lee Newell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Bonnie Cooper, Linda Parmer

LAYREADERS

**9:00 David Lovvorn, Bob Sullivan
11:00 Rose Dufour, Bob Claxton**

USHERS

**9:00 Guyton Cochran, Micheal Crafton
11:00 Phillip Saunders, George Lenaeus**

GREETERS

**9:00 Lisa Crafton
11:00 Jenny Poindexter**

**PAPER PANTRY Pamela Saunders,
Dottie Hamrick**

THRIFT SHOP

**Jan 20 10-1:00 Debbie Pyles, Elaine McKinnon
1-4:00 Liz Key, Susan Lenaeus
Jan 21 10-1:00 Peg Irwin, Susie Ostrowski**

JANUARY HOSTESSES: Karen Adams, Lisa Crafton, Cyndy Crow, Lynn Greene, Carole Malloy, Linda Parmer, Teresa Perdue, Cornelia Richards, Sandy Stephens.

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH

Jeanette Bernhardt

BIRTHDAY'S

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

**03-Jan Emma Engel
06-Jan Taylor Gordon
08-Jan Angie Hall, Gordon Ramsey
09-Jan Elizabeth Crafton,
Gail Lumpkin, Sandy Stephens,
Troy Baker
10-Jan Brian Dorminey, Taylor Foreman
11-Jan Mary Nell Akin, Liz Key,
Beth Richards, Mavis Watts
12-Jan Meg Popwell
15-Jan Linwood Reed, Dede Chase,
Mathew Basil
16-Jan Amy Elmore
17-Jan Trey Fleck
18-Jan Gittle Sciolis
19-Jan Tim Jones
20-Jan Mary Katheryn Denmon,
Bill Doxey
20-Jan Katherine Ingram, Bonnie Cooper
23-Jan Van Wilks, Benjamin Doxey
24-Jan Peg Irwin, Will Denney
25-Jan John Yates, Bo Vaughn
26-Jan Robyn Mangham
27-Jan Ron Berard, Kathryn Coe,
Bunchie Engel
28-Jan John Gerber, Sally Bobick
29-Jan Martha Goodson
31-Jan Olive Godwin, Sophia Couch**

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

**08-Jan James & Mary Wiggins
16-Jan Bob & Deloris Covell
30-Jan Max & Sandy Stephens**

PRAYER LIST

Ethan	Annalee	Vicki	Toni	Dorothy
Roger & Nell	Ginny	Marie	Jackie	Stephanie
Allison	Cooper Bell	Steve Weems	Phil	Paul
Jim	Nicola	Cynthia	Jan	Linda
Patty	Sarah	Sam	Olive	Susan
Rod	Hubert	Nicole	Susan	Don
Jan	Leslie	Ashley	Mike	Lois
Rob	Florence	Rick	Amanda	Claudette
Carson	Joe	Evalyn	Mike	

Military: Ed, Trey, Walker, Steven, Drew, Randall, Lyle, John, Charlie, Jim, Doug, Lance

Deaths: Fanny Ruth Pollard



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