



St Margaret's Notebook

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CRYSTAL CLEAR

A gentleman showed up in our office early this month. He was on foot and waited to be “worked-in,” as he had no appointment. He needed help paying his rent at one of Carrollton’s motels where the guests/tenants are not on vacation. He was hungry. He was unshaven and a bit pieced-together, but relatively clean. He had the most piercing blue eyes.

He thanked us for the food we had given him the last time he came. He wondered if we had anything to eat today. We gave him several of the food packs that we try to keep on hand for exactly such situations. He emptied his pockets onto the desk, counting out all the money he had to his name, coming up short for the rent he owed. We made up the difference between what he had and what he needed to pay the rent for the month. I gave all the signals that his turn was up, but he didn’t budge.

He looked at me with the most steady gaze and started asking questions. He wanted to know why we were helping him. He asked the schedule of our church services and asked if he should come to church. He apologized for his appearance. He said he knew people didn’t like what they saw when they looked at him. He asked if he could use me as a personal reference on a job application. He explained that not many people wanted to hire him because he was slow and couldn’t do big jobs. He said he was doing the best he could with what he had. He politely waited for me to respond.

In response to why we were helping him, I told him that he had timed it right that day and I had a little money and food available and was glad to be able to help him. I told him when our church services were and that he was welcome to join us, but his attendance was not a part of the assistance we were providing him. That choice, I told him, was entirely his. I said something about his appearance not bothering me because we were the same under our skin anyway. I gave him the Outreach office number and agreed to speak with any potential employer who might call for a reference. I told him I thought he could probably do any job, big as it might be, if it were explained to him. I gave him a few suggestions for starting his job search.

And he cried. No sobs, just streams of tears running down his cheeks from those crystal blue eyes. Streams that turned to rivers. His gaze never left mine as he thanked us, repeatedly, for helping him. As he finally stood up to leave, he reached out his hand to me. His hand shook my hand as those eyes locked with mine once again, and shook my soul.

After he left, Czarina and I looked at each other, neither of us able to speak around our emotions. We had just been inducted as members of a very elite group – friends of this gentleman. The air in the Outreach office was charged with the power of that connection.

In the wake of this encounter, I have once again realized the uniqueness and beauty of our Outreach ministry. It was exactly one year ago that I began this job and began to learn. I have, I think, learned more in this past year than I have since my first year of life. I have realized how personally fortunate I am, from the wonderful circumstances into which I was born and raised, to the unlimited opportunities available to me all along the way, to the incredible family I have been given, to the challenges I have the chance to meet every day as your Outreach Director. I have realized, once again, what a treasure we have in our St. Margaret’s Episcopal Church. St. Margaret’s Community Outreach does make a difference. I see it every single day. Thank you, my St. Margaret’s family, for allowing me to carry your torch, allocate your resources, share your love. You have grateful friends in places you would never realize.

-catherine

May 10, 2006 - A Proud Day for SMCO



9:00 a.m.

Carrollton Golden K Kiwanis Club
awarded St. Margaret's Community Outreach
with check from Pancake Breakfast(s) to be used for **Homework**
Helper, 2006 – 2007. Many thanks, **Golden K!**

****Mid-morning – Noon: Open for Business****

2:00 p.m.

Stripling Chapel United Church

Women, represented by **Claudia Rhyne**,
collected, packaged and delivered 6 dozen
emergency meal bags for distribution by
St. Margaret's Community Outreach.

Thank you, **Stripling Chapel Friends!**



****1:00 – 3:00: Open for Business****

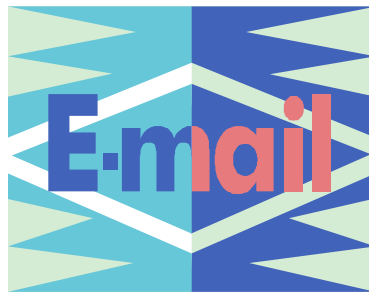


8:00 p.m.

Outreach Assistant / Intern Czarina Woods
graduated from the University of West Georgia. **Congratulations, Czarina!**



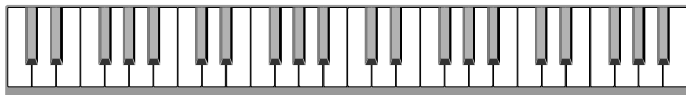
If you can't stand the heat....put on shorts? Randy Coggins prepares biscuits for the Sunday Country breakfast that was held on May 21. Look for more parish life events throughout the summer.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 4 Diocesan Confirmation at St Phillip's
- June 5 Thrift Shop Clean up - 9:00 am
- June 13 Opening Day General Convention
- June 18 Presiding Bishop's election
- June 19-23 Vacation Bible School at Carrollton Presbyterian
- June 22 Julie at PANDA Meeting at St Dunstan's - 10:00 am



You are cordially invited
to the
Senior Piano Recital
of
Meg Griffin
on
Sunday, June 4, 2006
at 2:00 p.m.



Join us for lemonade and cookies under the trees after the service on Sundays.



THRIFT SHOP WORK DAY TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 5 AT 9:00 AM



BLESSING BEFORE THEY GO



MAKING THE LUGGAGE FIT



ONE MORE GOOD BYE



J2A Travelers
Depart

Claywork by HEIDI

Stained Glass

Heidi Lewis is a local artist with thirty-two years experience in pottery and nine years experience in stained glass. She specializes in pet portraits in stained glass and also in functional pottery. Her work can be viewed at McWhorter's Clayworks on the square in Carrollton. Heidi also exhibits at art shows throughout the South East. She has had many private commissions for stained glass windows in the homes of local residents. Heidi has supported many local charities by generous contributions of her work to fundraisers for use in raffles and silent auctions.

Her beautiful depiction of the Cross of St. Andrew (the flag of Scotland) is available in blue and white stained glass for \$25.00. It measures 7" x 4" and is a scale size replica of the large flag of Scotland that our church carries in procession each St. Margaret's Day. For each flag sold 20% of the purchase price will be donated to St. Margaret's Outreach. Heidi has also made available a stained glass replica of the Cross of St. George (the flag of England) which is in red and white. The price for the St. George flag is also \$25.00 and again 20% will be donated to St. Margaret's Outreach. These pieces of stained glass look lovely hung in a window and show our association with our British heritage. Heidi plans to make a copy of the Cross of St. Patrick in the near future. These three flags make up the Union Jack, the flag of the United Kingdom. By purchasing one or more of these items you will be supporting not only St. Margaret's Outreach but also a local artist. Orders can be made by calling the church office or sending an email to Pat Gibbons at patsy@speedfactory.net.





JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 01-Jun Rosanne Godsey,
Brett Adams
- 03-Jun Brianna Sullivan,
Gordon Austin
- 04-Jun April Conner
- 05-Jun Sumner Long, Judy Reed,
Mimi Jacobus,
Cheyanne Coggins,
Thomas Hardin
- 06-Jun Patrick Malloy, Lucy Parrish
- 07-Jun Blake Adams, Debbie Wheeler
- 08-Jun Haley Hart
- 09-Jun Kate Aderhold, Clayton Couch, Lillie Cary
- 10-Jun Lori Ingram, Sally Jones, Alizon Garmon
- 11-Jun Beth Berzsenyi
- 12-Jun April Duffie
- 13-Jun Lacey Robinson
- 14-Jun Jason Hall, Kathie Schoerner,
Catherine Gordon
- 16-Jun Tamara Reed
- 18-Jun Sam Goodson, Catherine Minor
- 19-Jun Julie Cain, Chester Roush,
Duane Hooper, Alice Richards
- 21-Jun Charlie Minor, Elaine Miller
- 22-Jun Chris Key, Mark Poindexter,
- 23-Jun Dena Schoerner, David Basil
- 24-Jun Jenny Poindexter
- 25-Jun Tom Fortner, Deloris Covell,
Mac Morgan
- 26-Jun Maddie Jarrell, Danny Hughes, Pam Hall,
Bryna Bobick, Henry Owen
- 27-Jun Philip Saunders, Jim Mathews,
Andra Morris, Taylor Powers
- 28-Jun Meg Perkins, Joe Robinson
- 29-Jun Mary Wiggins, Lisa Lumpkin,
Trey Bernhardt
- 30-Jun Jerry Robinson, Jane Worley

June Anniversaries

- 02-Jun Bill & Mimi Jacobus
- 03-Jun Jerry & Alice Robinson
- 04-Jun Richard & Chris Brown
Irving & Reba DeGaris
- 05-Jun Dene & Kathie Schoerner
Taylor & Jennifer Powers
- 10-Jun John & Bunny Godard
Neal & Jan Uhlich
Bill & Misty Doxey
- 14-Jun Tobin & Mary Hart
- 15-Jun Ralph & Susan Fleck
- 16-Jun Glenn & Jill Jarrell
- 29-Jun Wayne & Debbie Wheeler

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.

SERVERS FOR JUNE 4, 2006

ACOLYTES

10:00 AM

Crucifer Andrew Gordon
Book Bearer Kelsey Cain
Taper Jackie Cain
Heather Roberts

ALTAR GUILD: Susan Lenaeus, Kitty Wilks, Carolyn Stone, Jeanne Condrey, Marcy Alexander

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Karen Adams, Cyle Bohannon

LAYREADERS

10:00 Rose Dufour, Debbie Pyles

USHERS

10:00 Dan Cain, T.B.A.

GREETERS

10:00 T.B.A.

PAPER PANTRY Amanda Reynolds, Dottie Hamrick

THRIFT SHOP

June 2 10-1:00 pm Karen & Bob Swanson
1-4:00 pm Max Stephens, John Muffley
June 3 10-1:00 pm Chris Brown, Lianne Denmon

JUNE HOSTESSES: Mary Hart, Jeanette Bernhardt, Ann Carter, Carol Chapman, Mary Alice Cochran, Beverly Colditz, Liz Key, Judith King, Mandy Maierhofer, Amanda Reynolds, Margo Simpson

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH Bill Parrish

SERVERS FOR JUNE 11, 2006

ACOLYTES

10:00 AM

Crucifer Michelle Foreman
Book Bearer Elizabeth Crafton
Taper Taylor Foreman
Will Crafton

ALTAR GUILD: Susan Souigny, Lisa Crafton, Andra McGill, Diane Fulkerson

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Bonnie Cooper & Linda Parmer

LAY READERS

10:00 Patrick Malloy, Jim Uglum

USHERS

10:00 Tom Foreman, Chris Lindahl

GREETERS

10:00 T.B.A.

PAPER PANTRY Amanda Reynolds, Dottie Hamrick

THRIFT SHOP

June 9 10-1:00 pm Emily Cumming, Marion Foreman
1-4:00 pm Andra McGill, Ann Price
June 10 10-1:00 pm Bob & Deloris Covell

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VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH Bill Parrish

PRAYER LIST

Ethan	Annalee	Ginny	Jackie	Cooper	Paul
Patty	Sarah	Susan	Nicole	Susan	Jan
Leslie	Amy	Amy	Kim	Dottie	Alice
Ashley	Canton	Ramsey	Phil	Betty	Clem
Rose Marie		Katherine		Buzz	Edie
Linda					

MILITARY: Ed, Walker, Steven, Drew, Lyle, John, Doug



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