



St Margaret's Notebook

November 30, 2006



From the rector

One of the best definitions of spiritual direction I have heard comes from an old African proverb that goes like this:

“The reason that the antelope walk side by side is to blow the dust from one another’s eyes.”

Eleanor became my spiritual director when

I was struggling with the notion of seminary in the 1980s.

She has endlessly invited me to clear out my spiritual eyes and to open to the mystery of God along the way.

Since I have known her, Eleanor has earned two doctorate degrees:

a Doctor of Ministry from the University of the South, Sewanee and a Doctor of Ministry from the University of Creation Spirituality in Oakland, California.

The Cosmic Walk comes out of her work with Matthew Fox and Creation Spirituality.

Eleanor has graciously agreed to guide us through the Cosmic Walk meditation on Saturday (December 2nd, 10 a.m. until noon)

In Eleanor’s words the Cosmic Walk is

“a prayerful meditation representing the proportionate story of the 14 billion year unfolding Universe. Learning of our deep time story, and engaging this story through the Cosmic Walk, opens us into a depth of spirituality that more consciously embraces our participation in the ever-unfolding Universe Story.”

I hope you will join us as Eleanor invites all of us

(and not just me this time) to clear out our eyes and open to the deep mystery of God.

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SCHEDULING: Julie is making out schedules for Lay Readers, Acolytes, Ushers, Children’s Church, and Thrift Shop from December 31, 2006 through April 1, 2007. Please let her know of any dates that you are not available to serve.

Stewardship Campaign is over for this year, but if you have not turned in a pledge card please do so by December 15. The finance committee is finalizing next year’s budget and we need your pledges to do so.

21st Annual ladies Christmas Brunch at First Christian Church, 306 College Street, Carrollton, Georgia, on Wednesday, Dec 6, 2006 (Nursery provided. Bring a sack lunch and drink for your child) For more information call 770-832-3974.

LOST & FOUND: Two camp chairs that were left at the back to business picnic and have been stored in the parish hall. There is also a karaoke machine in the parish hall. If these are yours please pick them up within the next two weeks or they will be donated to the Thrift Shop.

Thrift Shop clean up,
Monday, December 4
at 9:00 am



All Ages St. Nicholas Day Celebration - December 3rd at 5 pm - Come for an appearance by St. Nicholas himself! Hear him tell stories of his life and how he became a Bishop in Christ's church and what the true origin of gift giving at Christmas is all about. Bring a camera and have your picture made with this memorable figure from church history.

Annual Christmas Pageant - This year Mary Alice Cochran and Catherine Minor have volunteered to serve as directors of the pageant. Please sign up on the kitchen bulletin board to participate in the Annual Christmas Pageant. All participants are asked to attend three Saturday morning pageant practices, held in the sanctuary at 10 am. Practice dates for 2007 are December 9th, 16th and 23rd. The pageant will be presented on Christmas Eve at the 6pm Eucharist.



PAGEANT COSTUMES: We are in the process of updating and refreshing our supply of costumes, and could use your help. If you have any of the following pieces that you are willing to donate to the pageant, please contact the church: Toddler size cow costumes, crowns (for wise men) or angel costumes. Thanks!



EYC on December 3rd: Following the St. Nicholas Day festivities, the youth will meet from 5- 7 pm in the Parish Hall for Dinner and to choose gifts from our adopt-a-family wish list.

DIOCESAN CONFIRMATION – December 10th at 4 pm



No regular EYC this week due to confirmation of YAC class members at the Cathedral of St. Philip. You are invited to come support Anna, Anna, Haley, Rob, Sam, Christopher, Jay, John and Andrew with your family by attending the service.

Annual EYC Christmas Party- December 17th from 5 – 7 pm at the Rash Residence - Something to look forward to all year, this party is tons of fun, and has a great purpose. Each year, EYC adopts a family through Community Outreach, and instead of exchanging gifts with each other; we purchase gifts for our family and collect them at our party. Dress warmly – this will be an outdoor event.

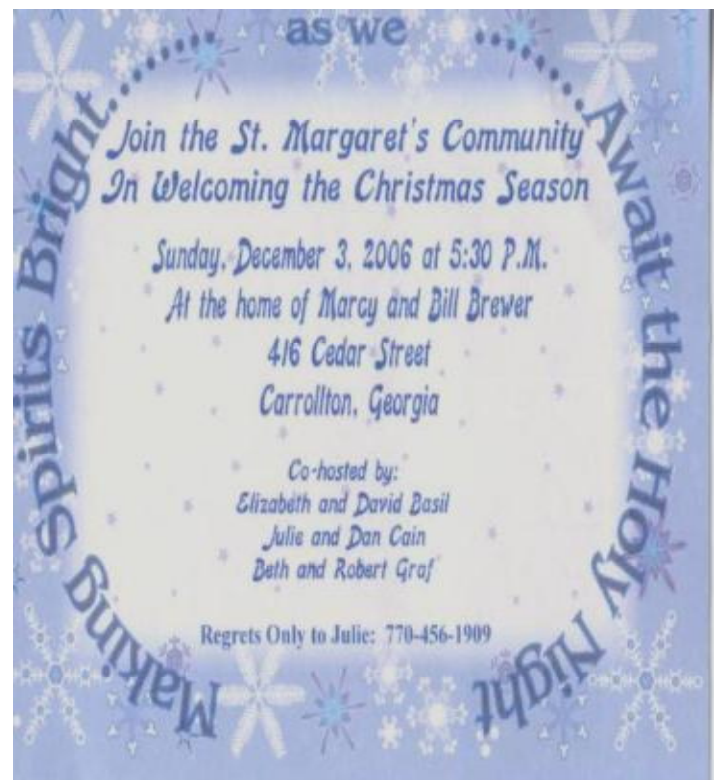


**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
MEMORIALS AND
HONORARIUMS**

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 Lenaeus, at 770-832-7909. Deadline is December 21.

ECW CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will hold their annual Christmas luncheon at 12 noon , on Tuesday, Dec 12 upstairs at Pearl's Cafe. As usual we ask that you bring a paper pantry gift of clothes for newborns. Please call the church office, 770-832-3931, if you plan to attend



OUTREACH

Jesus told the parable of planting a tiny mustard seed, and it growing into the largest plant in the garden, so large that "the birds of the air perched in its branches"

Twenty three years ago a member of our Outreach committee, Andra McGill, had an idea that was both very Christian and utterly far-fetched. We would feed the hungry people of Carroll County from Saint Margaret's kitchen. Blessedly, Andra and Father Jim Callahan were not limited by the cautious reasoning of most folks.

They asked and got help from Grace Lutheran and Carrollton Presbyterian. Our brothers and sisters in need were being fed. Baptist and Methodist congregations pitched in. It became too big for our tiny kitchen, and Tabernacle Baptist (when they were still on Bradley Street) offered their larger kitchen. Then it became even bigger than a Baptist kitchen could handle.

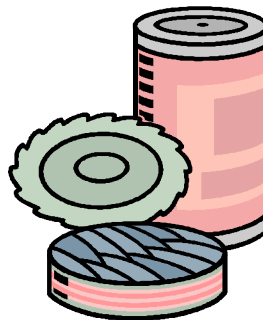
The Richards family gave the Soup Kitchen use of a Southwire building on Dixie Street. It served well for several years, then something happened. As Christmas approached, cans of food were being gathered. Many, many boxes of tinned goods came in. And came in. And were unloaded. And more came in. And the floor caved in. The wooden floor gave way during the night. A mustard seed had collapsed a floor.

Southwire then gave the kitchen its present building out Kingsbridge Road. It operates the last full week of each month. Many churches, civic clubs, businesses and individuals give money, food and volunteer labor. Our Saint Margaret's contribution is now only a part of the kitchen. But what a seed we planted!

At a meal last month, we sat with a lady and handicapped daughter. The lady talked of how difficult it was to stretch her U.S. Navy widow's pension over the whole month. The Soup Kitchen kept them from being hungry towards the end of the month. We asked if she knew anything of the history of the Soup Kitchen, and she said "*You know that little white church in town? I hear they started it*"

This week we are collecting cans of meat for Christmas boxes to be given on Monday, December 18th. There is a collection box at the church entrance.

Hugh Mitchell
Vestry Representative for Outreach



PROJECT NOEL -

St Margaret's Community Outreach is tying up the loose ends of this year's Project Noel. If you would like to help a needy family for Christmas please contact the Outreach office at (770)834-5282.



BYC HOMEWORK HELPER STOCKINGS:

Each Advent, we fill and distribute stockings for all students in Outreach's Homework Helper program. As of Sunday, there were ten stockings remaining in the Narthex, needing a sponsor. If you are short on time for shopping, but would like to sponsor a student, you can make a financial donation and we will do the shopping for you! Please call Laura Lenaeus at the church office, 770-832-3931, if you can help.

COMMUNITY CALENDARS

Now is the time of year when we all are purchasing 2007 calendars, and the Community Foundation has produced a beautiful four-color calendar featuring wonderful stories of what local nonprofit organizations have done using Foundation grants this year. Our own SMCO is featured in the calendar. You may purchase your copy of the calendar for \$10 from the church office. Checks should be made payable to St Margaret's Episcopal Church (memo: calendar). Outreach gets all proceeds of sale.

10 things to Do While Waiting for the Second Coming

(This article appears in the Eschatology issue of Trinity News, the magazine of Trinity Church-St. Paul's Chapel.)

By Lindsay Lunnum

1. **Be a pilgrim.** You don't need Canterbury or Compostela. Pick a destination that's meaningful to you, walk mindfully, and be open to surprises along the way.
2. **Budget.** Or rather, budget with a view toward achieving the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which include cutting extreme poverty in half by 2015. Commit 0.7% of your income — personal and parish — to work that will achieve the MDGs.
3. **Eat ice cream.** One spoonful triggers the part of the brain known to activate when people enjoy themselves. Combining ice-cream consumption with a swing set may produce even greater amounts of pleasure.
4. **Be a minister,** regardless of whether or not you wear a collar.
5. **Plant a native tree.** There is theological significance in planting a seed and watching it grow into something that will stand long after you are gone.
6. **Look beyond the soup kitchen.** The church's tried-and-true methods of hospitality are important, but think of how your parish can transform society, making soup kitchens unnecessary.
7. **Reconcile.** Contact estranged relatives and slighted prom dates. Before Jesus comes back, begin the work of forgiveness by offering it to others and receiving it yourself.
8. **Watch a movie.** Specifically, create a parish event around Al Gore's *An Inconvenient Truth*. Challenge attendees to change one thing about the way they live their lives for the sake of future generations.
9. **Tithe.** No, seriously. It's an ancient Christian practice that can transform your sense of community and ideas of what really belongs to God.
10. **Join life.** Pray ceaselessly. Go skinny-dipping. Sing boldly in the shower and in church. Waiting for the Second Coming shouldn't be about cowering in fear of a terrifying future event. If we love God, we trust God. Enjoy one another in the world, while we're here. Life speeds by unless we catch it in meaningful moments.

Lindsay Lunnum is a second-year seminarian and serves on the Young Adult National Coordinating Committee for the Episcopal Church.

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The Season of Advent

In the liturgical calendar, the first Sunday of Advent marks the first day of the church year. The season of Advent spans the four Sundays before Christmas Day, and is a time of preparation before the coming of Christ – both his nativity and his second coming as judge of the world. As such, Advent is a solemn season, one during which we are called to search our hearts and to clear the way for the Lord to come. And yet it is also a joyous season of anticipation and awe that God should come to us - and to come as a helpless human baby. It is a time of expectant waiting, knowing that God's promise is to be fulfilled. Yet not complacent waiting: what will it really be like when Jesus comes? While the world around us is noisy and busy and living under the tyranny of lists, we are called during Advent to a time of reflection, a time to taste being out of the world's time and into God's time. To stop and contemplate again, and with wonder, the great mystery of God's redeeming love.

Penny Nash





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01-Dec Bob Aderhold, Alison Berard
- 02-Dec Amy Markwalter,
Edward Bohannon
- 03-Dec Sally Howell
- 04-Dec Pat Brunson, Noah Brewer, Ginny Little,
Devin Dehon-Luckenbill
- 05-Dec James Wiggins, Natalie Richards
- 06-Dec Josh Erwin, David Griffin
- 08-Dec Tommy Griffin, Cody Kemp
- 09-Dec Helen Morgan, Bob Owen
- 10-Dec Justin Maierhofer, Richard Brown,
Stephen Colditz, Mary McManus,
Sherry Foreman, Mary Beth Hardin
- 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, Betty Jo McCoy
- 21-Dec Jim Cunningham, Christy Hitchcock
- 22-Dec Rose Coker
- 23-Dec James Morgan, Gerald Gristick
- 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 Christie Austin, Joe Lee Palladino
- 30-Dec Chris Brown, Harris Holmes
- 31-Dec Jim Richards, Amberly Brown

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

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 OF EVENTS

- Dec 2 Cosmic Walk with Dr. Eleanor Delbene
10am - 12:00 pm
- Dec 3 St Nicolas Day Celebration - Parish Hall at
5:00 pm
- Dec 4 Thrift Shop Clean up - 9:00 am
- Dec 10 Confirmation at the Cathedral of St Phillip
- Dec 12 Vestry Christmas Party
- Dec 17 Lessons and Carols - 9:00 and 11:00 am
- Dec 24 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
6:00 pm Family Holy Eucharist and
Christmas pageant
10:30 pm Carol singing
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist
- Dec 25-29 Church office closed
- Dec 31 10:00 am Morning Prayer
(one service only)

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- Jan 5 Epiphany Party at Hazel's
- Jan 21 Annual meeting

ST. MARGARET'S VESTRY

- Anne Norrell - Sr. Warden
- Liz Key - Jr. Warden
- Ron Adams
- Jeanette Bernhardt
- Marcy Brewer
- Julie Cain
- Randy Coggins
- Catherine Minor
- Hugh Mitchell
- Bill Parrish

SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 3, 2006

ACOLYTES

9:00 am

Crucifer Andrew Gordon
Book Bearer Randy Hooper
Taper Emmery Cary
Megan Hooper

11:00 am

Crucifer Catherine Lindahl
Book Bearer Christopher Keene

ALTAR GUILD: Julie Lindahl, Marion Foreman, Julie Foreman, Alice Jakubiak, Andra Morris

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Julie Parrish, Linda Parmer

LAYREADERS

9:00 Jim Cunningham, Taylor Gordon
11:00 Bill Brewer, Anne Norrell

USHERS

9:00 Bruce Bobick, David Lovvorn
11:00 Chris Lindahl, T.B.A.

PAPER PANTRY: Jan Uhlich, Amanda Reynolds, Teresa Perdue

THRIFT SHOP:

Dec 1
10-1:00 pm Sherry Foreman, Sandra Ingram
1-4:00 pm Carmen Morgan, John Muffley
Dec 2
10-1:00 pm Roseanne Godsey, T.B.A.

DECEMBER HOSTESSES: Nancy Disinger, Cyle Bohannon, Martha Goodson, Catherine Gordon, Mimsie Lanier, Missy Sullivan, Jan Uhlich

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH
Ron Adams

SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 10, 2006

ACOLYTES

9:00 am

Crucifer Brianna Sullivan
Book Bearer Elizabeth Crafton
Taper Will Crafton
Joe Shook

11:00 am

Crucifer Michelle Foreman
Book Bearer Sam Goodson

ALTAR GUILD: Liz Key, Jeanette Bernhardt, Fred Bernhardt, Rose Dufour, Cindy Hull

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Mary Alice Cochran,
Catherine Minor

LAYREADERS

9:00 Bob Sullivan, Bill Shook
11:00 Lacey Robinson, Stephanie Turner

USHERS

9:00 Guyton Cochran, Peter Maierhofer
11:00 Richard Colditz, Tom Foreman

PAPER PANTRY: Jan Uhlich, Amanda Reynolds, Teresa Perdue

THRIFT SHOP

Dec 8
10-1:00 pm Marion Foreman, Gail Manley
1-4:00 pm Ann Price, Cornelia Richards
Dec 2
10-1:00 pm Margaret Hickson, Elaine McKinnon

DECEMBER HOSTESSES: Nancy Disinger, Cyle Bohannon, Martha Goodson, Catherine Gordon, Mimsie Lanier, Missy Sullivan, Jan Uhlich

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH
Ron Adams

PRAYER LIST

Our parish family: Nicole, Katherine, Alice, Ann, Fran, Chester, Ruth C., Ronnie

Family and friends: Richard, Annalee, Susan, Beth, Edie, Steve, Jamie, Virginia, Betty, Julie, Angela, Ethan, Jackie, Amy, Dottie, Canton, Betty, Buzz, Lainey, Ruth, Gloria, Eddie, Jon, Scott, Patsy, Richard and Ann, Summerville, Hubert, Mary, Valerie, Phyllis, Bryan, Amelia, Elmira and Lindsay, Corey, Pat, Marissa.

Military: Ed, Walker, Steven, Drew, Lyle, John, Doug, Jessie, David, Jon, Neil

Deaths: Sam Hall

PRAYER REQUESTS may be submitted by emailing Julie at Stmargarets@charterinternet.com or by phone 770-832-3931.



Your prayers are needed for the

Shunn Family. Marissa Shunn, daughter of Kevin and Jennifer

Shunn, is having open heart surgery on December 1st. Marissa is 15 years old and attends Carrollton High School. Many of you know the Shunn family and want to help. The Shunn Heart Fund Account has been set up at the Bank Of America, 600 Maple Street, Carrollton, GA 30117. Donations will be used to help with insurance co-pays, travel expenses, and any expense associated with being away from home for an extended period of time.



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