



St Margaret's Notebook

September 21, 2006

From the Rector

Sitting in my brother's hospital room last week -
 or pacing the halls and quizzing the nurses -
 while waiting for the doctor to appear after surgery
 I became acutely aware of how difficult it is to be needy.
 I was terrified for Turner, as well as myself, and
 I needed your prayers and thoughts to get through the hours of that day.

Like many of you, I prefer the role of caretaker over care receiver.
 Yet, in the fleeting moments when I could allow myself
 to let go of angst and anger at my loss of control,
 I knew we were not alone for many were praying for us
 the people and staff of St. Margaret's;
 my clergy colleagues at Camp Mikell on retreat,
 the Carrollton Ministerial Alliance,
 and New Community Church, Turner's faith community.
 "Our prayer unites us" - the saying became a felt reality for me.

Later last week, The Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, keynote speaker at the Jubilee conference,
 told a story about prayer that affirmed my experience.
 While visiting a church in his youth,
 the pastor asked congregation for prayer requests.
 The people responded: "My mailman has a medical condition."
 "My aunt's arthritis is acting up."
 Michael realized that the requests were about OTHER people's lives, not their own.
 There was no mention of hemorrhoids or any of the brokenness
 that was surely in the lives of the gathered community.

Michael made another observation.
 The prayer went like this, "Heavenly Father, please heal the
 mailman's medical condition and Aunt Betsy's arthritis."
 as if God did not already know they were sick - "as if God was 'senile.'"

Prayer is not about telling God what God already knows.
 Prayer is about being authentic and accountable in the context of community
 even if we must admit that we are personally needy.
 Prayer IS what unites us to each other and through each other to God.

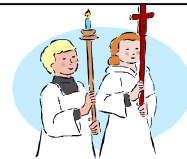
I invite you to consider asking your faith community to pray for you.
 I know, it's risky to let other folks know your business.

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"Convention deputies
 report
 September 23"

Deputies from the 75th General Convention and Bishop Alexander will report back to the diocese at a gathering from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept 23, at the Cathedral of St Philip.
 Come and hear about the response to the Windsor Report, the election of the 26th Presiding Bishop and all those matters of importance to Episcopalians but not covered by the secular media. All are welcome, and there will be ample time for questions.



ACOLYTE
 CROSSES
 will be
 presented

to our newest acolytes on
 Sunday,
 September 24, at the
 9:00 am service.



Check out our
 website.

www.stmargaretsga.org

Wilton Key has been working on our web page. There are pictures, a lay minister calendar, links to Episcopal sites, and much more. The site is a work in progress so visit often.

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Some might gossip. We might have to answer the same questions a million times. If we are chronically ill, there is a chance that the disease will become our only identity. We fear being known as the “woman with cancer” or “the child whose father was killed in the war.” The bottom line is we prefer to be the caregivers – not the care receivers.

I have all of those concerns as well.

I tried to handle it all myself at age 32, when my mama died.

I stayed busy. I pushed on. I felt isolated and alone.

Thankfully, St. Mark’s was there even in the face of my resistance.

By the time my father was killed 4 years later –

I knew that I needed the community to remind me of God’s presence

– for in my pain I had become “senile.” I had forgotten God.



Hazel and Catherine returned safely from National Jubilee Conference in Los Angeles. The Rev. Michael Battle was keynote speaker for the conference.

Thank you for your prayers for my brother, Turner, last week. We expect great things for him.

Our prayer unites us,

Two adult education events will begin this week.



On Wednesday, September 27, we will begin an 8 week series of “Via Media.” Following a light dinner we will view a video presentation exploring aspects of Episcopal Theology - followed by small group discussions. It is a class for anyone – newcomers or long-time Episcopalians who desire to know more about “our peculiar way of life” as John Westerhoff has described us. The topics are intriguing; however, the class is ultimately about relationships. Please email Julie at Stmargarets@charterinternet.com or call the church office 770/832-3931 to reserve your place.



The **Education for Ministry** program of the School of Theology, Sewanee, is based in a seminar group of 6 to 12 participants and a trained mentor who meet weekly during the academic year. During the 2 to 2 ½ hour meetings the group intensely studies Scripture, Church History and Theology grounded in prayer and theological reflection. EFM will begin on Monday, September 25th. If you are interested in EFM, please contact Judith King or the Church office.



SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:

Each week, all students in Sunday school receive a small snack as part of their fellowship. This year we are asking for your help to stock the snack pantry in each room. On the first day of class, send your child with enough of his or her favorite drink and a **nut free** snack food to share with the class (approximately 10 kids). If you can't bring it on the first day of class, don't worry, just send it the next!



GUEST MUSICIAN

On Sunday, September 24, we welcome Dr. John MacLean as guest soloist. Dr. MacLean is a composer, music theorist and violist who taught at West Georgia a number of years ago and recently retired from Converse College after a long and successful career there.



A BIG THANK YOU

Last week we issued the call for parents to sign up to host EYC dinners for the fall and you responded - only two date remain open between now and Christmas! Your support is greatly appreciated by EYCs and their leaders.

The **PUMPKINS** are coming!

Are you signed up to work in the patch?

This year a special patch sponsor will make a matching donation for every dollar we make in profit. This means every penny we earn will count – double.

We'll harvest twice the benefits to our children's and youth programs.

What more motivation do we need?

Help us take advantage of this wonderful sales incentive – spread the news to neighbors, co-workers and friends, and don't forget to sign up to work the patch!

Together we will make this year our best ever for sales and fun.

**"The Vast Ocean Begins Just Outside
Our Church: The Eucharist"
by Mary Oliver
from Thirst. C Beacon Press.**

**The Vast Ocean Begins Just Outside Our
Church: The Eucharist**

**Something has happened
to the bread
and the wine.**

**They have been blessed.
What now?**

**The body leans forward
to receive the gift
from the priest's hand,
then the chalice.**

**They are something else now
from what they were
before this began.**

**I want
to see Jesus
maybe in the clouds
or on the shore,
just walking,
beautiful man
and clearly
someone else
besides.**

**On the hard days
I ask myself
if I ever will.**

**Also there are times
my body whispers to me
that I have.**

SOS

Survivors of Suicide
Support Group

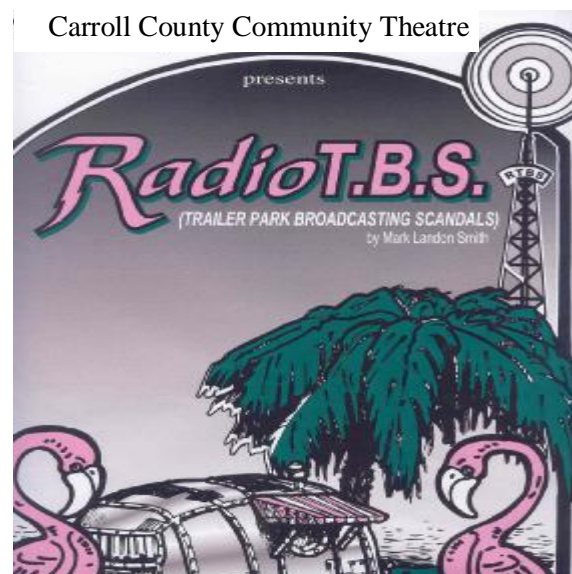
For anyone who has lost a relative, friend, or
loved one to suicide

Meets second Monday of each month
7:00-8:30 P.M.

Community Activities Center
118 S. White Street
Carrollton, Georgia

For information call 770-846-8115 or 404-788-
5311

BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2006



Carroll County Community Theatre
Presents

RADIO T.B.S. (Trailer park broadcasting scandal)

At Cultural Arts Center.

Thursday-Saturday, September 21-24 at 7:30 pm

and Sunday, September 25 at 2:00 pm

Tickets are \$10.00

Call Carrollton Cultural Arts Center, 770-838-1083,

to order by phone

EYC Fall Calendar

September

- 24th Frisbee Golf Outing at UWG, 5 – 7 pm
Bring a Frisbee and meet in the parking lot at the end of Plant Op Drive, then walk up to the picnic pavilion behind the track to find out what hole you'll start on.



Dinner Host Needed for this week - contact Laura to volunteer.

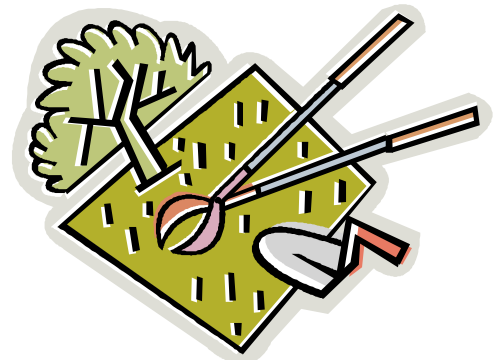


October

- 1st Nature Hike at Cheaha State Park (Alabama)
12:15 – 6:30 pm
Meet in the Gable House parking lot at 12:15 to caravan to Cheaha where the YAC class will talk about St. Francis and their hikes in Italy. Bring a water bottle, sack lunch and wear comfortable lace up shoes. We will have food for a heavy afternoon snack at 4 pm and then load up by 5 pm to head back to Carrollton. Our estimated time of return is 6:30 pm. Please sign up on the adjacent sheet if you plan to attend so that we can plan transportation accordingly. Parents are needed to help with transportation and snacks.

- 8th Fall Service Project, 5 – 7 pm

Caring for the church grounds: We will install our bench at the Coleman Street entrance, plant fall annuals and lay pine straw in the beds surrounding the church.





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 20-Sep Clint Robinson,
William Teasdale,
Tim Paul
- 21-Sep Jim Burton, Bill Brewer,
Jonathan Edwards-Opperman
- 23-Sep Ben Souigny, Simone Baret,
Emma Grace Timms
- 24-Sep Cornelia Richards, Vaughn Gaddis
- 25-Sep Sam Parmer
- 26-Sep Anita Burbage
- 27-Sep Daniel Reed, Hutton Markwalter
- 28-Sept Jessica Dobbins
- 29-Sep Margaret Bass
- 30-Sep Mike Coker

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 20-Sep Steve & Monica Adams
- 23-Sep Swede & Meghan Sullivan
- 24-Sep Patrick & Carole Malloy

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01-Oct Matt Hall, Randy Denmon, Zachary Gordon,
Beth Graf, Don Denney,
- 02-Oct Fred Bernhardt, Julie Parrish
- 03-Oct Peter Weimer
- 04-Oct Kevin Bernhardt
- 05-Oct Julie Lindahl, Ruthie Souigny,
- 06-Oct Toby Saunders, Patrick Norrell
- 07-Oct Lily Parmer, Tom Fitzpatrick
- 08-Oct Jennifer Colditz, Misty Doxey
- 10-Oct Talley Bass
- 12-Oct Brad Wilks, Artie Richards
- 13-Oct Tobin Hart
- 14-Oct Marshall Yates
- 16-Oct Rupert Dobbins
- 17-Oct Stephanie Turner, Rebecca DeGaris,
John Dean Uglum, Mark Edwards-Opperman
- 18-Oct Andra McGill, Tom Richards, Georgia Keene,
Willie Dobbins
- 19-Oct Allison Gordon, Irene Berard, Susie Ostrowski
- 20-Oct Bridget Bobick
- 22-Oct Leverett Butts
- 24-Oct Stacey Brown, Beverly Colditz
- 25-Oct Kelsey Cain, Bruce Bobick, Ward Pafford
- 26-Oct Meghan Sullivan, Rob Cooper
- 27-Oct Lauren Deems, Jaime Rash, Katy Greene
Amy Rash, Bill Cox
- 28-Oct Barbara Paul
- 29-Oct Monica Adams, Steve Adams

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 01-Oct Joe & Emily Cumming
- 06-Oct Jim & Diana Rash
- 10-Oct Robert & Christine Swanson
- 15-Oct Tom & Cornelia Richards
- 19-Oct Chris & Julie Lindahl
- 23-Oct Michael & Linda Williams

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

- Sept 23 Convention Deputies from 75th General Convention and Bishop Alexander – St Phillips Cathedral 10am-12noon
- Sept 27 Wednesday night program (details to follow) 6-7:00 pm
- Oct 2 Thrift Shop Clean up - 9:00 am
- Oct 4 Wednesday night program 6-7:00 pm
- Oct 8 Blessing of the Animals - 4:00 pm
- Oct 9 Finance Meeting - 5:30 pm
- Oct 10 ECW Meeting - 12:00 noon - Parish Hall
Pumpkins Arrive - 4:00 pm
Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm - Gable House
- Oct 11 Wednesday night program 6-7:00 pm
- Oct 18 Wednesday night program 6-7:00 pm
- Oct 25 Wednesday night program 6-7:00 pm
- Nov 1 Wednesday night program 6-7:00 pm
- Nov 5 All Saints Sunday
- Nov 8 Wednesday night program 6-7:00 pm
- Nov 12 St Margaret's Day

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

ACOLYTES

9:00 am

Crucifer Jay Sullivan
Book Bearer Zachary Gordon
Taper Aaron Reynolds, Delaney Paul

11:00 am

Crucifer Randy Hooper
Book Bearer Megan Hooper

ALTAR GUILD: Judy Reed, Debbie Pyles, Missy Sullivan

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Glen & Jill Jarrell

LAYREADERS

9:00 Debbie Pyles, Micheal Crafton
11:00 Chris and Julie Lindahl

USHERS

9:00 Bruce Bobick, Peter Maierhofer
11:00 Mary Hart, George Lenaeus

GREETERS

9:00 Bob & Karen Swanson
11:00 Bob Graf, Jenny Poindexter

THRIFT SHOP

Sept 22 10-1:00 Jo Hunsicker, Sandra Ingram
1-4:00 Elaine Holmes, Ann Price
Sept 23 10-1:00 Neal and Jan Uhlich

SEPTEMBER HOSTESSES: Rose Coker, Elizabeth Basil,
Kathy Edwards-Opperman, Bunchie Engel, Elaine
Holmes, Georgia Keene, Marynell Nour, Barbara Paul,
Kathie Schoerner, Karen Swanson, Jane Turner,
Stephanie Turner

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH
Jim Rash

SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 1, 2006

ACOLYTES

9:00 am

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

11:00 am

Crucifer Christopher Keene
Book Bearer Anna Rash

ALTAR GUILD: Georgia Keene, Nancy Disinger, Diana
Rash, Pauline Rodwell

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cyle Bohannon, Jo Fortner

LAYREADERS

9:00 David Lovvorn, Bob Sullivan
11:00 Hugh Mitchell, Stephanie Turner

USHERS

9:00 Micheal Crafton, Tom Parmer
11:00 Tom Foreman, Philip Saunders

GREETERS

9:00 Lisa Crafton, Jo Fortner
11:00 Anne Norrell

THRIFT SHOP

Sept 29 10-1:00 Katie Deems, Nancy Disinger
1-4:00 Liz Key, Susan Lenaeus
Sept 30 10-1:00 Mary Aderhold, Roseanne Godsey

OCTOBER HOSTESSES: Gail Manley, Angela Cunningham,
Charlotte Dufour, Alizon Garmon, Mary Hooper, Sally
Jones, Gail Palladino, Susan Souligny, Elizabeth Williams

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH
Catherine Minor

PRAYER LIST

Ethan	Buzz	Annalee	Patsy	Jackie
Edie	Jim	Susan	Ruth	Nicole
Gloria	Katherine	Eddie	Amy	James
Dottie	Jon	Alice	Fran	Canton
Scott	Clem	Turner	Betty	Cliette
Don	Bud	Dustin	Jennifer	Beth
Angela	Betty S.			

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

Deaths: Curtis Bagby

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

Jim Rash

Susan Souigny



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