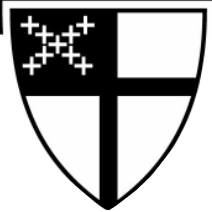


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feeding the hearts, minds, and spirits of all who come."*

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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Heartfelt Thanks

Well, it just goes to show you that you never know, even when you think you know. Jennifer and I had no idea that September would hold so many medical surprises for us! Neither of us thought we would be out of commission – much less be laid up at the same time. I am pleased to report that I am nearly fully recovered from the cardiac stent placement, and we hope to have Jennifer feeling all better very soon.

It is hard to imagine getting through the last three weeks without the loving help of so many of you saints. From meals to "kid-watching" to cards to visits at the hospital your presence and compassion has been wonderful. With all our hearts (one freshly restored) we thank you.



FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

IN OAKWOOD, GA
2920 LANDRUM EDUCATION DR
(I-985 NORTH - EXIT 16)



Breakfast & Lunch Served
Yard Sale - Children's Activities (Cake Walk, Fun Jump, +)
Natural Market (Soap, vegetables, honey, candles, bread)
- Bake Sale – Raffle – Crafts
Specialty Booths – Book Store



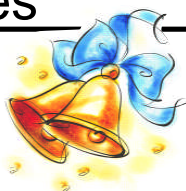
Birthdays

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| 03 - Jennifer Combs | 25 - Joe Irvin |
| 05 - Wink Porterfield | 27 - Anne Porterfield |
| 10 - Bob Milledge | 28 - JoAnn Estes |
| 15 - Dan Strott | 29 - Carla Strott |
| 15 - Sam Combs | 30 - Marvin Cruz |
| 23 - Margie Robins | |
| 23 - Drew Madajewski | |
| 23 - Johnny Bridges | |
| 24 - Jim Collins | |
| 25 - Jean Pugh | |



Anniversaries

- 07 - Rich & Lindsay LeMay
- 15 - Richard & Mimi Cundiff
- 18 - Bob & Jan Waller
- 19 - Jim & Edith Collins



Vestry and Financial

Because the Vestry meeting was so late last month the minutes and financial information were not ready in time for the newsletter. We hope to be back to normal next month.

Daughters of the King

DOK October 5, 2009 7:00 PM Meeting - this meeting is open to all - as our guest speakers discuss and demonstrate some of the basics on the many innovative ways to display your photographs, create heritage scrap books/displays on loved ones passed, make your own invitations, everyday greeting cards - to include making your own Christmas cards, calendars, etc. A signup sheet will be placed in the Parish Hall for you to sign so we will know how many to expect!! Please call Margie @ (770) 965-0067 if you have any questions - thank you.

Ch'Angels

We collected \$121.47 in August for the Potter's House. In September we collected \$129.19 for the dinner we will serve at Good News at Noon. Donations in October will go to ALS Georgia.

Lectionary

4 - 18th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 22
Job 1:1; 2:1-10, Psalm 26,
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

11 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 23
Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Psalm 22:1-15,
Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

18 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 24
Job 38:1-7, (34-41), Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37c,
Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

25 - 21st Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 25
Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22),
Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM

Fellowship

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

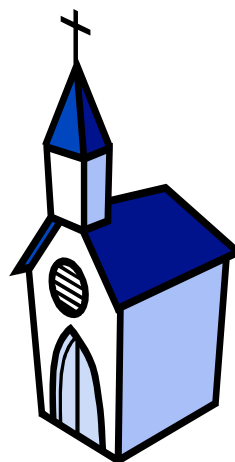
Christian Education

9:15 AM – 12:00

Nursery

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite II



Book Club

In the short time we have been together the book club has traveled from Afghanistan, to South Dakota, to Amish Country, to Savannah Georgia, to the building of Cathedrals in the 12th century and on to Italy with Michaelangelo. So the October selection - "It Takes A Village" by Hillary Rodham Clinton is appropriately global.

Join us on October 8th at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall for a discussion of this book. It promises to be lively and thought provoking.



Creation Keepers Corner

St. Gabe's has accepted the Bishop's challenge to become an environmentally friendly church. Jean Pugh is our Creation Keepers representative and attended a diocesan workshop in Griffin, GA this past Saturday. Many ideas were presented for simple ways (for our church) to improve our impact on the environment. Watch for detail beginning in the November newsletter. If you have any thoughts and or ideas please contact Jean.

Calling all Ladies!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual Women's Retreat! February is not that far away! The "Red Tent Event" will take place Feb. 19 -21, 2010 at Camp Mikell in beautiful Toccoa, where we will enjoy a spiritual smorgasbord of good food, fun and female-ship. Remember, you're not committed just by signing up, but we'd like to have a rough head count for pre-planning purposes. Sign ups are in the parish hall, where you can speak with Jimmie Minor or email her at jimmiewminor@yahoo.com

South Hall Food Pantry

The South Hall Community Food Pantry served 279 people in September. YTD we have served 565 families, consisting of: 1095 Adults less than 60 years old; 82 Seniors 60 or older; and 868 children; for a total of 1995 people. With October, November, and December still to go, this is just 199 shy of last years record total of 2194 people served.

Adult Christian Formation in October

Mere Christianity: We will be studying C. S. Lewis' masterpiece, *Mere Christianity* during the month of October. This is Lewis' incisive and definitive work on the Christian faith. Classes meet from 9:15-10:15 in Kent Hall, Room 4.

Bible Study: Our Tuesday evening Bible Studies resume October 6th, beginning at 7 pm in the Parish Hall. We will be beginning with the Book of Psalms, drawing on reflections by Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Walter Breuggemann to guide us. Our study will continue weekly, and all are invited to participate.

Flower Power

Anyone who is interested in being a part of our new ministry, the flower delivery team, please contact me at 4lindsay@charter.net

St. Gabriel's Men's Ministry

The Men's Group had several members cook breakfast for Rally Sunday. Thanks especially to Rich LeMay and his helpers for their effort in providing a great meal. A display for the Men's Ministry was used as part of the ministry fair. Three men signed up for the group. We encourage the church members to remember all of the recycling efforts going on at St. Gabriel's. If you are aware of someone in our church family needing assistance with heavy household chores, please contact a member of our group and it will be discussed for feasibility.

**Next meeting is
October 17th, 7:15 am at Curt's.
All men of St. Gabriel's
are welcome to join in**

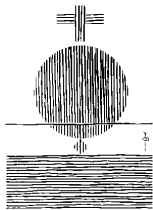
Journey to Adulthood

J2A meets every Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 and Sunday's during Christian Education. For more information contact Joni Payne.

Contribution Envelopes

Contribution Envelopes for 2010 Please let me know if you want Contribution Envelopes for 2010 no later than November 1st. I will be placing the order shortly after November 1st. Thanks for your cooperation. Darlene

"Be Still and Know That I am God"



CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, October 10, 2009

Registration begins 9:00 AM

Workshop 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

Cost: \$25.00 per person

(scholarships are available)

Centering Prayer is an ancient contemplative prayer practice intent on quieting ourselves so that we may grow in awareness of God's life within us. We regularly meet for Centering Prayer on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 pm in the church nave (sanctuary). The workshop provides an opportunity to learn about Centering Prayer or to further deepen your experience. PLEASE be sure to sign-up in the Parish Hall or call 770-503-7555 so that we can have an accurate head-count. AND if you attended the workshop two years ago you are invited to attend this one at no charge.

Thanksgiving Day

We would like to know if anyone would be interested in having Thanksgiving dinner at the church. We would need at least 10 people and it would be a pot luck Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone is welcome including families if they do not have other family in town that they will be getting together with. A sign up sheet will be available in the Parish hall. We would like this to be a fun day, games, football, and anything else you would like to do.

All suggestions are welcome. I don't know what kind of reception we will get for the football games, but if you would like to bring small TV's, we can position them around the room. Contact Jackie Richards with suggestions and to get more information.

Preparation for Adult Confirmation/Reception Classes

Being "confirmed" or "received" are the most common ways adults become members of the Episcopal Church. We will be offering preparatory classes for confirmation and reception beginning Sunday, October 18, at 6:00 pm. If you are new to St. Gabriel's and are not already a member of the Episcopal Church these classes are for you! What is the difference between being confirmed or received? When you have been baptized in another denomination, but have never had the chance to make an adult affirmation of your faith you are "confirmed." If you have been both baptized and have made an adult affirmation of your faith in a different denomination you are "received" into the Episcopal Church. Bishop Whitmore will be joining us at St. Gabriel's for worship on Sunday, November 22, (Christ the King Sunday), and at that time will be baptizing, confirming, and receiving all people who wish to join the Episcopal Church. Please contact Bill at 770-503-7555 for more information.

Fall Festival

Our Fall Festival is growing nearer each day and we need a lot of help to make it happen.

The Chicken Barbeque is back this year and Barbara Conley needs people to bake pound cakes for dessert. There will be several raffles including, a quilt, a lace tablecloth, and a GPS System. The Natural Market will have fresh vegetables, candies, breads, honey, and soap.

Also back is our Garage Sale, so start cleaning out those basements, closets and attics soon. We will have some storage over in the Parish Care room in Kent Hall and a truck on the premises. Please mark your garage sale items and only give us clean, good condition items for sale. Price Lists are available in back of the Nave. There will be a brochures available. For pick-up of large items please contact Noble Shaw.

We will also need cakes for the cake walk, and clothes hangers. There will be sign-up sheets for volunteers available and we encourage everyone to participate.

October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 8:00 AM Rite I 9 - 12 Nursery 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 AM Rite II Blessing of the Animals 5:00 PM	5 Food Pantry 4:00—6:00 <i>staffed by</i> St. Gabriel's DOK 7:00 PM	6 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 - 8:30 PM	7 J2A 7:00—8:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 PM	8 Book Club 10:00 AM Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i>	9	10 Centering Prayer 9:00—3:30 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by</i> St. Gabriel's
11 8:00 AM Rite I 9 - 12 Nursery 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 AM Rite II	12 Food Pantry 4:00—6:00 <i>staffed by Lanier</i> Girl Scouts 7:00 PM	13 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00—8:30 PM	14 J2A 7:00—8:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 PM	15 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i> Serving at Good News At Noon	16	17 Men's Ministry 7:15 AM at Curt's Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by</i> Lanier
18 8:00 AM Rite I 9 - 12 Nursery 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 AM Rite II	19 Food Pantry 4:00—6:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i>	20 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00 PM Vestry 7:00 PM	21 J2A 7:00—8:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 PM	22 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i>	23	24 Fall Festival 8:00 AM—3:00 PM Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i>
25 8:00 AM Rite I 9 - 12 Nursery 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 AM Rite II	26 Food Pantry 4:00—6:00 <i>staffed by OUMC</i>	27 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00—8:30 PM	28 J2A 7:00—8:30 PM Choir Practice 7:00—8:30 PM	29 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i>	30	31 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by OUMC</i>

Those Who Serve

8:00 AM	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
OT	Mark Guido	Wink Porterfield	Bob Milledge	Ed Wood
NT	Bill Caiaccio	Randi Guido	Anne Porterfield	Edith Collins
Prayers	Edith Collins	Sandy Kiddie	Wink Porterfield	Bill Caiaccio
Chalice	Wink Porterfield	Edith Collins	Paul Swanson	Jackie Richards
Ushers/ Greeters	P & P Brown	B & C Caiaccio	M & R Guido	B & D Milledge
Refreshments	Sue Huff	The Porterfields	Dee Milledge	Margie Robins

10:30 AM

OT	Trudy Buggeln	Olivia Erbele	Rich LeMay	Joni Payne
NT	Nenion Conley	Beth Holmes	Grace Lutumba	Noble Shaw
Prayers	Mimi Cundiff	Chris Kern	Julia Mosley	Jim Waller
Crucifer	Maryann Bandy	Erin Lutumba	Maryann Bandy	Erin Lutumba
Choir	Rachel Bandy	Patsheko Lutumba	Nicholas LeMay	Trip LeMay
Lectern	Emily Combs	Trip LeMay	Rachel Bandy	Sam Combs
Children's Chapel	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Chalice (2)	Noble Shaw Jim Waller	Bob Condon Jean Pugh	Cheryl Rothschild Noble Shaw	Jim Waller Jean Pugh
Oblations	Holmes Family	LeMay Family	Lutumba Family	Cundiff Family
Ushers (2)	G & J Pugh	D & B Holmes	G & J Pugh	B & D Condon
Greeters (2)	S & J Brown	G & J Pugh	B & D Condon	K & C Flack
Verger	Jim Waller	Trudy Buggeln	Noble Shaw	Jim Waller
Refreshments	Deidre Page	The Pughs	The Newtons	Festival Leftovers

Both Services

Vestry Person	Paul Swanson	Kim Bennett	Wink Porterfield	Kevin Flack
Altar Guild	Team 1: C Flack, A & W Porterfield, J Waller	Team 2: J & D Mada- jewski, M Cundiff, L Ward	Team 3: L Freeman, C Ash, B Conley, T Buggeln	Team 4: P Wood, M & R Guido, J Tieslau, K & R Bennett
Flowers	Anne Porterfield	Carla Strott	D & J Madajewski	Collins
Flower Guild	Margie Robins	Jan Waller	Callie Flack	Jo Tieslau
Holy Mowers	M & J Guido	S & W Brown	Condon & Conley	Flack & Porterfield
Mow by	October 10th	October 17th	October 24th	October 31st
Sacred Sweepers	Barbara Conley	J&C Irvin/J Duvall	G & J Lutumba	A & W Porterfield
Clean by	October 10th	October 17th	October 24th	October 31st

ST. FRANCIS DAY CELEBRATION

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 4TH AT 5:00 PM

Bring your beloved pets – whether they are furry, finny, fuzzy or scaly – for the annual Blessing of the Animals. The service will be outside behind the Parish Hall (weather permitting). We hope to have Hall County Humane Society as our guests. We hope that you can make it for this wonderful occasion to give thanks to God for the blessings of our beloved pets.



ALS Walk

It's time again to start gearing up for the 2009 Walk to Defeat ALS! Our first year, Melissa Kern's team placed third in the state with over \$15,000 raised, and our walking team drew a lot of attention in their costumes. We even got Father Bill to dress up! This year, we plan on more of the same -- More crazy costumes, more walkers and more fun!

The Walk is sponsored by the ALS Association of Georgia which is one of only two organizations that provide help to people with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), like Melissa. This is their one big fundraiser, since we don't have a telethon like Jerry Lewis has for MDA.

The ALS Association continues to be a lifesaver for our family. In addition to funding ALS Research, they provide counseling and equipment loaning for families with ALS. They have provided Melissa and hundred of others with durable medical equipment from their Loaner Closet. This year, she was set up with a laptop and special switch so she can still type and use the internet! The people are so very nice and helpful, and they seriously need your help. Just a few people are staffed for the whole state of Georgia, and they have to drive this equipment from their Atlanta headquarters to ALS patients from Savannah to the border of Alabama-stan, and you can imagine what that costs in gas these days.

So please consider supporting Melissa by joining the walk or making a donation to the team. A website is set up to help you with this.

To become a FIVER'S TEAM member, join us in the walk and find supporters, visit -- <http://www.ProjectFiver.com/walk> OR To Make a donation and support Melissa in her walk visit <http://projectfiver.com/support>

If you join the team and want to do your part in fund raising, by email, Chris will set you up a tidy little URL like <http://www.ProjectFiver.com/walk/FredJones.html> that you can put on your posts/emails

Good News at Noon

St. Gabriel's prepares and serves dinner at Good News at Noon twice a year, and we will be doing so this month on October 15. Good News at Noon serves meals to the homeless and the hungry, and serves about 150 people every day. Mr. B, the founder of Good News at Noon believes that you must work for your food, so before eating each person memorizes a Bible verse and completes a worksheet. In fact, he is quoted as saying, "The apostle Paul says if you don't work, you don't eat. If they do the homework, they eat supper here and get a box of food."

Kevin and I can truly say that working with Good News at Noon is a humbling experience to prepare and serve food for people who truly need it and who are so grateful for what you do, and we hope you will be able to help prepare or serve food for October 15.

Sign-up sheets are in the parish hall for people willing to make or purchase lasagna, to purchase Caesar salad kits, and to serve the evening of October 15. If you are able to help, please sign-up in the Parish Hall or call or e-mail Callie Flack at 678-908-5447 or ctflack@gmail.com.



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 Jana Bennett – Outreach
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