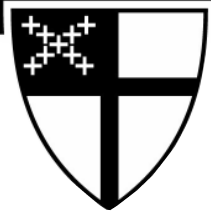


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St. Gabriel's HERALD

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. GABRIEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Gardening

During the February 9th vestry meeting Rosemary Bennett presented a proposal for a community garden. Rosemary desires to design and lead us in creating this garden as a part of her Gold Award (the highest achievement in Girl Scouts). The vestry enthusiastically encouraged Rosemary, who will need much support from our community to achieve her vision of a garden that can grow food for those in need, provide flowers for our flower guild, and bring St. Gabriel's together in the unique arenas of planting and fertilizing and weeding and harvesting. This sounds a lot like us.

We are garden people... at least according to the second creation story in the book of Genesis. Sadly, because of the ongoing battle between biblical literalists and scientists about creation Genesis tends to get treated with wary embarrassment. And this is a great loss, because these stories – whether you believe them to be factual or not – contain great truths. We have to acknowledge that the authors of Genesis were not concerned with writing a scientific textbook; they were concerned with relationship, particularly the nature of God's relationship with all of creation, human and otherwise. They sought ways – poetic and allegorical – to answer the questions: "Who is our God? What is God's relationship with creation, and humankind in particular? How are we intended to respond? How do we respond in actuality?" One answer for these authors was to say that God's greatest desire for humankind is like a garden, where men and women and creatures of every kind live in harmony with one another and their God. The story goes on to say that we humans live outside of that idyllic vision because we choose ourselves and our own will rather than full relationship with God. If we continue to read Genesis we find that the remainder of that book is about the promise of intimate relationship with God, a promise described materially as "a land flowing with milk and honey." Much later, after that land is gained and lost again, Jesus describes the Kingdom of God in terms of mustard seeds and sowers of seed and many other images of abundant harvest. In Christ Eden is regained.

In many ways our lives together resemble the life of a garden. At any one time we are preparing soil and planting new ministries; we are fertilizing and weeding and refreshing current programs; we are harvesting the fruit of our shared love for one another and God. The garden in so many ways richly describes our life together.

The garden is a helpful image for each of us as individuals as well. We all have seasons of plowing and planting, of watering and waiting, of pruning and weeding, of harvest and yield, of laying fallow. The liturgical seasons even fit into this image nicely for us. Our current season of Lent may well be thought of as what some call "harrowing." In agricultural terms harrowing is "disturbing the surface soil, after plowing or between rows of plants." In our garden when I was growing up this was my job. My dad wanted me to do more than just weed. Because the clay was so hard he wanted me – from time to time – to go through between the plants with a hoe or mattock and break up the ground. He said this was so the fertilizer and water would not run off, but sink into the roots where they belong. Lent in the garden of our liturgical calendar is that time of year where we are invited to dig a bit around the fruits and vegetables that God has planted in us, so that the hard surface of our struggles and challenges does not prevent the water of God's love to reach where it needs to go. Lent is not about plowing under, or laying fallow. Lent is about gently breaking up some soil that has grown hard, so the love of God can heal us and make us strong and whole.

Most appropriately Rosemary is calling the community garden, "The Victory Garden." That sounds a lot like us as well.

Birthdays

- 01 - Anne Collier
- 01 - Karen Childers
- 02 - William Brown
- 08 - Melissa Kern
- 16 - Lee-Anne Spires
- 17 - Philip LeMay
- 18 - Diedre Page
- 21 - Mary Beth Kiddie
- 22 - Bill Hawkins
- 22 - Dan Page
- 22 - Danielle Page
- 25 - Joshua Burgess
- 25 - Kelley Ceccato
- 27 - Nenion Conley
- 30 - Marsha Lewis



Anniversaries

- 05 - Newt & Elaine Howard
- 05 - John & Grace Lutumba
- 09 - Ron & Brenda Petrey
- 09 - David & Beth Holmes
- 17 - Ed & Pat Wood
- 20 - Zach & Barbara Jean Newton
- 30 - Paul & Pam Brown



Vestry Minutes

February 9, 2010

PRESENT: Dennis Duncan, Louise Freeman, Randi Guido, Diedre Page, Cheryl Rothschild, Noble Shaw, Paul Swanson, and guests Rosemary Bennett and Kim Bennett. Also present: Rev. Bill Combs, Rector; Greg Bandy, Treasurer; and Darlene Knowlton, Vestry Clerk.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Combs at 7:10 p.m. with evening prayer and scripture.

ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the December 15, 2009 meeting were read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes for the December meeting.

Rosemary Bennett presented her plans for a community garden, as her Gold Award project for Girl Scouts, at St. Gabriel's to utilize the space where the trailer was removed. Rosemary has given the name Victory Garden to this project.

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Lectionary

7 - Third Sunday in Lent
Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 63:1-8;
1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

14 - Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;
2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

21 - Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

28 - Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
The Liturgy of the Palms
Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
The Liturgy of the Word
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

Sunday Worship

8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite I

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM

Fellowship

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

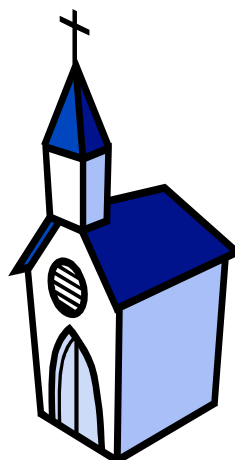
Christian Education

9:15 AM – 12:00

Nursery

10:30 AM

Holy Eucharist - Rite II



Ch'Angels

- January:
GAM - Gainesville Action Ministries \$142.57
- February:
Gabby - Vet bills, medicine, food, treats, etc.
- March:
South Hall Food Pantry

January Financial Statement						
	January			YTD		
	Budget	Actual	% Variance	Budget	Actual	% Variance
Contributions	\$ 22,497.00	\$ 19,401.27	86%	\$ 22,497.00	\$ 19,401.27	86%
Expenses	\$ 19,448.00	\$ 19,600.84	101%	\$ 19,448.00	\$ 19,600.84	101%
Net Gain (Loss)	\$ 3,049.00	\$ (199.57)	-7%	\$ 3,049.00	\$ (199.57)	-7%

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Rosemary would like:

- ✦ vegetables, flowers, and shrubs
 - shrubs would take up too much space
 - to be planted in raised beds
 - A total of 6 beds
 - 4 ft x 8 ft
 - Donations of
 - time, talent – work, materials, soil, fertilizer, seed, plants, money, etc.
- would need to be received for this project to go forth.

Rosemary is limited as to what she can do by the Gold Award project regulations.

- ✦ would like to get the youth group involved
- stepping stones
- markers for plants

Information was given to Rosemary to help her in her quest for more information. Addition information was given as to donation of materials, and fund raising.

A motion was made and seconded to approve this little project to go forward. It was stated that if \$1,200.00 could not be raised the project could not go forward. The Victory Garden project was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Greg presented the report for January 2010: The Treasurer's Report replaces the previous Variance Report. Greg went through the new report and explained how it flows. Some questions were presented to Greg which he gave answers.

For January 2010 Greg reported:

- ✦ Income: \$19,401.27
- ✦ Expenses: \$19,600.84
- Net Income: -\$199.57

A motion was made and seconded to accept the January Treasurer's Report for audit. The motion was approved.

Ways saving money and to save money:

Being looked at:

- Phone bill
- Gas bill
- Other things
- Refinance mortgage
- Nursery staff – outside staff not being used
- Sidney Brown handling now

After much discussion a motion was made and seconded to table the 2010 budget until the March 9th Vestry meeting and adding \$1,500 to the Plate amount of \$15,500 = \$17,000. The motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:

- Met with Kevin Flack
 - Walked around church and buildings to get familiar with
 - What Nenion would like to see for a shed
 - Location of new shed
- Phones
 - Looking at
- CFL light bulbs
 - Have enough bulbs to make change over
 - Need new dimmer switches for CFL lights
 - Kevin Flack will pick up
- No electricity on front of building
 - Need new electric cable run
 - Will look to get donated
 - Will run cable around perimeter of the parking lot
 - Rent Ditch Witch to dig trench
- Will pick up reflectors to place at driveway entrance
- Will set up a committee to take care of maintenance situations as they come up

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Vestry Liaison person will not be maintenance man

Will do sign up sheet for committee

Will place something in bulletin and Newsletter

Will get with Sacred Sweeps and Holy Mowers Nursery

Supervision needed when children are present

Without - getting trashed

20+ chairs moved into Kent 3

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FORMATION:

✦ called members on Flock list has thoughts to share

COMMUNICATION:

- ✦ Signs
 - o To get through Episcopal organization
 - ✦ They charge a fee
 - ✦ 2 sided sign \$165 plus shipping
 - ✦ 1 sided sign \$125 plus shipping
 - ✦ Advertising
 - o Have add in Gainesville Times
 - o Gwinnett Daily – expensive
 - o Online – will check out
 - o Bulletin Board Meeting
 - o Friday, February 12th at 11:00 a.m.
- Margie Robins has a Cricket for cutting letters

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

There was discussion about getting some type of service going to encourage the college students to attend service. St. Stephen's was brought up as an example since they have a college campus in close proximity to them. The difference between St. Stephen's and St. Gabriel's is the college near St. Stephen's is a resident campus and Gainesville State College is not. It was discussed as to how St. Stephen's got the word out to the college students.

✦ Face Book Account

Receiving a lot of response

Louise Freeman stated that she will be going to Milledgeville in two weeks and will stop by St. Stephen's to meet with Deacon Georgia. Deacon Georgia was responsible for getting the student program up and going at St. Stephen's. It was thought to be an excellent place to begin collecting information for a program at St. Gabriel's.

FINANCE:

✦ Designated Money

Let person in charge know money has been given

OUTREACH:

- ✦ Victory Garden
 - ✦ Will meet with Outreach people
 - ✦ Contacted all but 3 on Flock list
 - ✦ Salvation Army
 - o Received thank you letter
 - o \$114,000 total raised
 - ✦ St. Gabriel's raised \$336.35
 - Average hourly raised: \$29.00 per hour
- St. Gabriel's hourly raised: \$30.00 per hour

PARISH LIFE:

Everything in place for Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and Lenten meals

STEWARDSHIP:

- ✦ Will communicate with parishioners quarterly the Time & Talent
 - ✦ Start pledge campaign no later than October 1st
 - o Have information to give budget at Annual Parish Dinner
- Will have communication in the Newsletter periodically

WORSHIP:

- Will meet with Lindsay LeMay and Carla Strott
 - Children's Christmas pageant
- ✦ Children's Chapel – working on Children's Choir
 - Talked with Carla Strott
 - Carla has ideas – will share

RECTOR'S REPORT:

- ✦ Loved Vestry Retreat
- ✦ Sunday, February 14th
 - o William Brown send off
 - o Syd Brown to receive St. George's Medal – Highest Episcopal Award – working with children
 - o Ministry Fair – March 6th
 - o Lot of good topics
 - o \$20 for day
- ✦ Saturday
 - ✦ 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - ✦ 3 sessions
 - ✦ 1 hour to 1½ hours
- ✦ Pat Wood and Bill Combs will be presenting a session Inspired Ministries
- ✦ How to start a Ministry

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 DOK 11:00 AM Food Pantry 3:00—5:00 <i>staffed by Lanier</i> DOK Training 7:00 PM	2 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00	3 Healing & Eucharist Service 5:30 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Services, J2A, Choir 7:00 PM	4 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i> EfM @ Grace	5	6 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i> 10:00—12:00 Quilt Class
7 8:00 AM Rite I 9 - 12 Nursery 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 AM Rite II 2:00 PM Knitting at Panera Bread	8 Food Pantry 3:00—5:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i> DOK Training 7:00 PM Girl Scouts Leaders 7:00 PM	9 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Pancake Dinner 6:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00 Vestry 7:00 PM	10 Healing & Eucharist Service 5:30 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Services, J2A, Choir 7:00 PM	11 Book Club 10:00 AM Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i> EfM @ Grace	12	13 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by OUMC</i> 10:00—12:00 Quilt Class Daylight Savings Time Begins
14 8:00 AM Rite I 9 - 12 Nursery 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 AM Rite II 2:00 PM Knitting at Panera Bread	15 Food Pantry 3:00—5:00 <i>staffed by OUMC</i>	16 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00	17 Healing & Eucharist Service 5:30 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Services, J2A, Choir 7:00 PM	18 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i> EfM @ Grace	19	20 Men's Ministry 7:15 at Curt's Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by Spring</i> 10:00—12:00 Quilt Class
21 8:00 AM Rite I 9 - 12 Nursery 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 AM Rite II Cathedral Book Store (Both Services) 2:00 PM Knitting at Panera Bread	22 Food Pantry 3:00—5:00 <i>staffed by Springs</i>	23 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00	24 Healing & Eucharist Service 5:30 PM Dinner 6:00 PM Adult Lenten Services, J2A, Choir 7:00 PM	25 Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by CLC</i> EfM @ Grace	26 Girl Scout Lock In Jennifer Combs	27 10:00—12:00 Quilt Class Food Pantry 10:00—12:00 <i>staffed by St. Gabe's</i>
28 PALM SUNDAY 8:00 AM Rite I 9 - 12 Nursery 9:15 Christian Ed. 10:30 AM Rite II 2:00 PM Knitting at Panera Bread	29 Food Pantry 3:00—5:00 <i>staffed by St. Gabe's</i>	30 Quilting Ministry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Centering Prayer 6:00—7:00	31 Labyrinth Walk 5:00 PM Tenebrae Service 7:00 PM			

Those Who Serve

8:00 AM	March 7, 2010	March 14, 2010	March 21, 2010	March 28, 2010
First Lesson	Wink Porterfield	Bill Caiaccio	Sandy Kiddie	Jan Madajewski
Second Lesson	Anne Porterfield	Ed Wood	Anne Porterfield	Bob Milledge
Prayers	Bob Milledge	Edith Collins	Mark Guido	Wink Porterfield
Chalice	Wink Porterfield	Jan Madajewski	Edith Collins	Paul Swanson
Usher/Greeter	B & C Caiaccio	P & P Brown	D & J Madajewski	M & R Guido
Refreshments	Pat Wood	Margie Robins	The Guidos	Debbie Swanson

10:30 AM

First Lesson	Trudy Buggeln	Chris Kern	Julia Mosley	Olivia Skey
Second Lesson	Nenion Conley	Rich LeMay	Joni Payne	Noble Shaw
Prayers	Mimi Cundiff	Beth Holmes	Grace Lutumba	Fred Skey
Crucifer	Trip LeMay	Maryann Bandy	Erin Lutumba	Trip LeMay
Choir	Sam Combs	Nicholas LeMay	Rachel Bandy	Patsheko Lutumba
Lectern	Patsheko Lutumba	Emily Combs	Sam Combs	Emily Combs
Children's Chapel	Jana Brown	Jennifer Combs	Erin Lutumba	Rich LeMay
Chalice (2)	Fred Skey Jim Waller	Bob Condon Jean Pugh	Jackie Richards Noble Shaw	Cheryl Rothschild Fred Skey
Oblations	LeMay Family	Cundiff Family	Holmes Family	Lutumba Family
Ushers (2)	D & B Holmes	D. Duncan & F. Skey	J & G Pugh	D & B Holmes
Greeters (2)	K & C Flack	J & G Pugh	S & J Brown	B & D Condon
Verger	Noble Shaw	Jim Waller	Trudy Buggeln/ Rich LeMay	Noble Shaw
Refreshments	The Pughs	Jean Waller	Esther Atkinson	The Newtons

Both Services

Vestry Person	Diedre Page	Dennis Duncan	Louise Freeman	Randi Guido
Altar Guild	Team 3: L Freeman, M&R Guido, B Conley, T Buggeln	Team 4: P Wood, J Tieslau, K & R Bennett	Team 1: A&W Porterfield, J Waller, C Flack	Team 2: J&D Madajewski, M Cundiff, L Ward
Flowers	J & A Blankenship	E & P Wood	Open	Open
Holy Mowers	Off	Off	S & W Brown	Off
Mow by	Winter Schedule	Winter Schedule	March 20 th	Winter Schedule
Sacred Sweepers	Combs Family	J Payne & R Duncan	B. Conley	J & C Irvin & C Duvall
Clean by	March 6 th	March 13 th	March 20 th	March 27 th

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- South Hall Food Pantry being used as a model
 - Total of 49 workshops
 - ✦ Bill will get information out
 - ✦ New Members:
 - o Fred Skey – Transfer Of Membership from Cathedral Of St. Philip, Atlanta, GA
 - Alan & Kelly Cowart – Transfer Of Membership from The Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, Atlanta, GA.
- It was stated that a sign up sheet for Refreshments needs to be up.
 Good opportunity for new people to get involved

NEW BUSINESS

- Cathedral Bookstore will be here on March 21, 2010
 - o 10% of sales will go to a designated Ministry of St. Gabriel's choice
 - ✦ Legacy Link was approved by the Vestry as the selected Ministry
 - ✦ Need list of items for Cathedral Bookstore to bring
 - ✦ Will put in bulletin and Newsletter
 - ✦ Link to Cathedral Bookstore website
- Prayer Book-Hymnal combination

The meeting closed with prayer, and Bill adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Darlene Knowlton
 Vestry Clerk

Daughters' of the King

DOK March meeting will take place on March 1st at 11:00 AM in Kent Hall.

Installation of New Daughters will take place Sunday, March 21, 2010 during the 10:30 AM Service. Please mark this date on your calendar as we hope to have as many Daughters as possible join together for this installation and fellowship to follow in the parish hall.

New Ministry - We are in the process of determining the best method to record weekly sermons - and provide those who are homebound and/or hearing impaired with copies on CD.

**Wednesday Evenings
 in Lent**

(February 24 – March 24)

We hope you are able to join us for these weekly opportunities to gather for food, fellowship, and growth:

- 5:30 Holy Eucharist II – We will meet in the nave for Holy Eucharist. The lections will follow those outlined in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* for the season of Lent. In lieu of a sermon or homily there will be an opportunity for individual reflection on the readings. Prayers for healing will also be offered following Holy Communion.
- 6:00 Lenten Supper – A delicious and simple meal of salad, soup, and sandwiches will be offered in the Parish Hall.
- 7:00 Vocare (pronounced vo-ca-ray): Stories of God's Call – over the course of five weeks we will look at a wide variety of biblical stories describing the many ways God calls us into deeper and deeper relationship with God and one another.
 - Week 1: Abraham and Sarah: The Call of Covenant
 - Week 2: Moses, David, Samuel, Isaiah: The Call to Lead and Give Voice
 - Week 3: Simon Peter, Mary, Andrew, and a cast of others: The Call to Discipleship
 - Week 4: Jeremiah, Jonah, Saul/Paul: The Call Resisted
 - Week 5: Our Call

Financial Committee

As an update on our 2010 budget, we received additional pledges for a total of 68 pledges. Our budget for this year is now approximately \$4,550 short of being completely balanced!! What a great accomplishment for us all! With our investigation into specific items to decrease 2010 expenses, along with a planned refinance of our mortgage, we expect that we will be very, very close to being balanced. Many thanks to everyone for your stewardship, prayers and efforts to make this happen!!

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist I

10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday, March 31

5:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae

Thursday, April 1

6:00 p.m. Seder

7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday – Holy Eucharist

Friday, April 2

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Sunday, April 4

6:00 a.m. Easter Vigil – Holy Eucharist I

10:30 a.m. Easter Liturgy – Holy Eucharist II

Journey to Adulthood

J2A has been very busy this year working on our curriculum, practicing the Christmas play, and welcoming guest speakers Nancy and Wendy Anderson-Spencer who spoke about tolerance, self-acceptance, and the negative impacts of bullying. The last couple of weeks everyone did a great job making the special prayer beads as gifts for the women's retreat, and had a great time at our overnight lock in on February 19th. We would like to extend warm thanks for the generous donations received from the pancake supper - and for the support that everyone has shown for the J2A program this year. The next few months promise continued activity as we are participating in the Hunger Walk in Atlanta on March 15th and as we move forward with our curriculum and plan for a special event for the youth-lead service this coming Spring. We are grateful that Saint Gabriel's has provided so many loving examples for us as we continue to work toward becoming honest, kind, and accepting adults.

Joni Payne for J2A

Diocese of Atlanta Ministry Fair 2010

The 2010 Ministry Fair will be held on Saturday, March 6 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta. The feature speaker will be the Very Rev. Ian Markham, dean of the Virginia Theological Seminary. There are exactly 50 (yes, FIFTY) workshops offered throughout the day ranging from elder ministry and baptismal theology to greening your home and young adult ministries. More information may be found at

http://www.episcopalatlanta.org/Content/Ministry_Fair.asp

There are brochures in the Parish Hall as well. Cost is \$20 (includes lunch) and scholarships are available. Please be sure to check out this wonderful opportunity for yourself and St. Gabriel's.

Stephen Ministry

We are planning a Stephen Ministry class for March. If you are interested and need more information contact Jan Waller 770 287-0183. What does a Stephen Minister do? Check out our bulletin board in the hall.

Book Club

The book for March is "Help" by Kathryn Stockett. "This book is about black domestic servants working in southern households in the early 1960's" and the expectation of their white employees. It promises some lively discussion.

March 11 is the date. 10:00 AM, the time, the parish hall the place.

Creation Keepers

We are considering several ideas for our next project. If you have any suggestions please contact me. Sue Huff and Callie Flack have agreed to serve on this committee and are attending a Creation Keepers Workshop in Decatur on Sunday. Hopefully, they will return with lots of inspiration for "greening our church." Will keep you informed. Thanks again for your support, Jean

The Cathedral Bookstore Is Coming to St. Gabe's

On Sunday, March 21st the folks from the Cathedral Bookstore (associated with the Cathedral of St. Philip in Atlanta) will be visiting us. They will be offering a wide variety of Book(s) of Common Prayer, Bibles, hymnals, religious and spiritual writings, children's books, jewelry, icons, and much more. To help them discern what to bring to St. Gabriel's they have asked us to request specific books, authors, and/or items. There will be a sheet in the Parish Hall to write down your heart's desires, and they will do their best to try to accommodate us. 10% of all money collected will go to Legacy Link (as determined by our vestry).

St. Gabe's Victory Garden

Ok, so we all know that times are tough right? Of course! As you all may be aware about I am working on my Gold Award Project for Girl Scouts. The Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. I have already earned my bronze award which was the recycling bucket in the parish hall, and I have also earned my Silver award, which was a Chocolate Fair to help raise awareness about childhood cancer. For my Gold award I want to do something that has been previously discussed around the church. I want to use the land where the trailer used to be as a prime spot for a community garden! The garden will consist of six raised beds (8x4ft) and as a new idea an herb garden (I'm not quite sure about the herb garden yet but the garden is a definite). Each of the bed will be about 1 ½ ft high, as to accommodate our entire congregation. What the beds contain is up to you! I want everyone to be able to have a say in what they would like to see put in the garden, such as, flowers for the flower guild, and fruits and veggies that can be taken to the food pantry and can also be used for church events such as the Seder, and Lenten Suppers. As I said before I want everyone to be able to help! The garden will not only serve as a food source, but can also be used as reflection on what our church has overcome. We are strong and we are great! I have posted signup sheets in the back of the Sanctuary, in the Hallway under outreach, and in the Parish hall near the door out to the

parking lot. If anyone has any questions, please do not hesitate to call! You can reach me by phone (770 519 5035), by email (ponypal_9@hotmail.com), or at church. This garden will be dedicated in honor of Cheryl Rothschild and in memory of Tony Rothschild. To Cheryl because I love her for everything she has done for me and I know that I can go to her for help, and to Tony because I will never forget how much he believed in me. Thank you!

Rosemary Bennett

Spring Forward

Don't forget!! We will change from Standard time to Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 14th at 2:00 AM. This means 2:00 AM will become 3:00 AM and we lose an hour's sleep. Remember to set your clocks before you go to bed Saturday night or we will miss you at church. I do have it right, don't I?

Song Requests

Carla is always taking requests for your hymns. If there is something that tugs at your heart just let Carla know and she will try to work it in. You can put a note in the offering plate, phone Carla - you will probably have to leave a message, 404 376-5973 - or email her at carlastrott@gmail.com. It is your choir so let us know what you want to hear, or don't want to hear.

Easter Lilies



The flower guild will be accepting donations to purchase Easter Lilies for the altar on Easter Sunday (April 4). If you would like to order an Easter lily or lilies, donation forms will be available Sunday, March 7. Lilies are \$15 each and may be dedicated in honor or memory of loved ones. To ensure your dedication will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please make sure all order forms and money are turned into the Parish administrator by Sunday, March 28. Please note on your check that it is for Easter lilies. Thank you for supporting the flower guild. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Callie Flack or Jo Tieslau.



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 Parish Administrator – Darlene Knowlton
 Music Director – Carla Strott
 Treasurer – Greg Bandy
 Newsletter Editor – Sheena Lawrence

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 Dennis Duncan - Building and Grounds
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2010 VESTRY

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