



**The mission of St. John's Episcopal Church
is to be a loving and diverse community
celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ
by word, example, and service to others**

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From the Rector

Have you ever gotten 'stuck'? You know what I mean, right...stuck in a dead end job, a less than healthy relationship with another person or food or alcohol, stuck in a rut with your spiritual life?

Of course you know what I mean! We all get stuck sometimes. The real question reads, "How do I get unstuck?!" Every authentic religious and spiritual tradition offers ways to get unstuck in life, including prayer, giving of ourselves and our resources for the sake of others, coming together as a community to worship, and a whole host of other spiritual exercises. This all reminds me of a song that I heard a few years ago, and which I immediately loved, called "I Dare You to Move",

*Welcome to the planet,
Welcome to existence;
Everyone's here.
Everybody's watching you
now,
Everybody waits for you now.
What happens next?*

*Welcome to the fallout,
Welcome to resistance;
The tension is here
Between who you are and
who you could be
Between how it is and how it
should be.*

*I dare you to move!
I dare you to lift yourself up
off the floor!
I dare you to move!
Like today never happened
before*

*Maybe redemption has
stories to tell
Maybe forgiveness is right
where you fell
Where can you run to escape
from yourself?
Where you gonna go?
Salvation is here.*

This insightful song reminds us of a few things: we all face getting stuck in life, absolutely everyone...that's just life!; we all experience the tension of our dreams and what seems to be our lived reality; the only way to live into the joy and freedom offered by the Lord involves not running from our problems, but asking the Lord to bring salvation to us right where we fall down, right in the middle of the stuck experience. The comes in the refrain "I dare you to move, and live in the forgiveness offered by Jesus in a way that sets us truly free, living in each moment free from the past and the weight that it can bring into our lives, choking out our aliveness.

So, do you feel stuck in your life? Do we feel stuck as a parish family? Then I dare you to move, and to exercise your faith, to stand up and walk in the freedom and dignity given to us in Christ Jesus, free to live abundant, integrated, and holy lives!

Faithfully yours, **Fr. Troy+**

Parish Life

Treasurer's Report

-Ernie Radaker

Recap:

- Pledge payments are \$10,000 short for the first 4 months
- Total revenue is up due to the generosity of many, thanks!
- Expenses are within \$1,000 of 2009 budget.
- Expenses exceed revenues for a \$10,528 loss so far this year.
- If pledges were current we would break even.

As of April 30, 2009

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Revenue		
Pledge Offerings	53,137	63,333
Non-pledge and Plate	10,560	7,833
Misc. Income	13,085	7,000
TOTAL REVENUE	76,782	78,166
Expenses		
Staff Earnings & Benefits	51,727	52,600
Parish Operations	26,850	23,558
Ministry Programs		
Parish Programs	635	1,533
Outreach Programs	0	0
Diocese of Atlanta Pledge	8,098	8,817
Total Ministry programs	8,733	10,350
TOTAL EXPENSES	87,310	86,508
NET TOTAL	(10,528)	(8,342)

Attendance Numbers

Dates: 4/20/09 – 5/19/09 (3 Easter - 6 Easter)

Service/Event	# of services	Attendance
HE – Sunday	8	411
HE – Weekday	3	24
MP	7	34
Taizé	0	cancelled
Speeders	1	15
Baptism	2	

Dates: 4/21/08 – 5/18/08 (6 Easter—Trinity Sunday)

Service/Event	# of services	Attendance
HE – Sunday	8	512
HE – Weekday	2	12
MP	6	39
Taizé	0	
Speeders	1	7
Baptism	1	

HE—Holy Eucharist MP—Morning Prayer EP—Evening Prayer

Family Life Ministries

has been blessed with an anonymous matching grant!

Instructions from the Giver: *The feeding, clothing, and housing of the most needy in the Atlanta metro area continues to be a very high priority to organizations and people of faith. In light of this priority and for this purpose, we are very pleased to offer a \$10,000 dollar-for-dollar Challenge Grant Matching Fund for new contributions (not previously pledged) to Family Life Ministries, to run from May 25, 2009 through August 24, 2009. Pledges will be accepted, but pledges must be paid by September 24, 2009 to qualify for the match. We trust our challenge will be a motivation to other donors to invest in changing and saving the lives of the most needy, and to continue and expand the great work Family Life Ministries is doing.*

Please pray for FLM, and mark your donation clearly "Matching Grant".

Children! Wonderful children seem to be everywhere. At the pool, the playground, riding bikes, playing on the porch. All that play makes little ones very hungry! **And with school out for the summer, and school breakfasts and lunches over, the demand on the Family Life Ministries Food Pantry will increase dramatically.** Please remember to bring nonperishable food and monetary donations for FLM on Sunday!

Also, **Fans for senior citizens** are very appreciated during this hot time of year.

Finally: **FLM requests our prayers!** They have been notified that the building they currently use for the ministry will be put on the market for sale. While they've not been asked to move yet, there is a potential need for a new location. The ideal new place would be accessible and safe, as well as reasonable to keep expenses low and services high. FLM asks us to please keep them in our prayers, as they will NOT be closing up shop, but do need help in order to remain in the center of God's will.

Parish Life

Do you have time Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings?
Then we need your help.

Do you want to help families come back together?
Then we need your help.

Through the **Begin Again** program, St. John's provides a safe, comfortable, neutral, and accessible location for visitations of children and their families during evening and weekend hours.

Every year over 5,000 children come to the attention of the Fulton County Juvenile Court for various reason. In many of these cases, children are separated from their parents and put into foster care. While the central concern of the court is the protection of the child, its underlying goal is reunification of parent and child when at all possible.

- Currently, a child in foster care visits with a parent through the Department of Family & Child Services once a month for 2 hours — which equals to 24 hours or just one full day per year.
- Visits through DFACS are primarily scheduled during business hours, which creates a conflict for parents who are trying to find employment and children who are in school.
- Visits are generally at offices of the Department of Family and Children's Services which are not centrally located. Government locations are mainly sterile and uninviting and don't provide many amenities for visiting families.
- Because a case worker has to be present for the visit, there is often not a comfortable interaction between parent and child.

But **Begin Again** offers solutions to some of the above issues. Through the supervision of a trained group of volunteers from the congregation, opportunities for visits are expanded. We provide a warm and comforting atmosphere for visits as well as amenities such as play equipment and separate rooms for private visits. With a trained "civilian" volunteer sitting in on the visit, families are put at ease because the volunteer has no involvement with the authorities.

The mission is dedicated to promoting positive relationships among children and their parents who are striving to transform their lives and reunite as families. It opens the door to maintaining the important bond between parent and child while providing the family the gift of normalcy in a time of turmoil and hope that will inspire the parent to continue the often difficult journey to a new life.

However, **Begin Again** needs volunteers to continue operating! Can you help?

You will be involved in a hands-on outreach project for children and parents who live in your own community. By putting our faith into action, **Begin Again** volunteers are touching the lives of children and parents who have a critical need for the faith community's healing touch.

Please contact Kei Breedlove today to sign up or find out more (404-374-7468/kei.breedlove@delta.com).

We heartily welcome

Recent New Members and those Members affirming or reaffirming their membership on Pentecost

**Heidi Chandonia
 Charles Cunningham**

We extend our deepest sympathy to

**Daphne and the family of
 Ralph Mair;**

We rejoice that ones we love have entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, though we sorrow and grieve with those who mourn.

Come Hungry!

What a hit the small intimate lunches and dinners have been at Fr. Troy's house over the last few months! We have talked, laughed, planned, plotted, and gotten to know each other better over good food and drink. However, the dinner-planning committee will be taking a summer break until after July.

If you have not been invited to a small group yet but want to be, please contact **Gwen Fields** (770-944-9709 or laughers@bellsouth.net).

Need Pics!

A new website contest is in the works! Please send your (or other parishioners') baby pictures to **Carl Cheely** (ccheely@comcast.net) and visit www.stjohnscollegepark.com for weekly contests, schedules, and news, and updates.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



**June
Birthdays:**

- 1 Rick Roby
- 2 Jacqueline Thomas
- 3 Howard Wise
- 4 Thomas Koch
Verlyn Thomas
- 7 Angela Joyner
- 12 Creston Portis
- 10 Richard Thorpe
- 14 Joy Lopez
- 16 Sydney Olaiya
- 17 Adam Mercure
Louise Cassell
- 18 Parker Allen
- 25 Sean Cheely
- 28 Brett Lee
- 29 Myrtle Sapp

June 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8 pm- AA (BH) 7 p.m Holy Grounds	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 10 am— College Park Stitch-In 6 pm— Begin		9:15 am- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Rite I 8 pm- AA		9:30 am— Begin Again
7	8 pm- AA (BH)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Begin Again	10	11	12	13
8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II 7 pm—Taizé	8 pm- AA (BH)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Begin Again	6 pm— Wednesday dinner/class	9:15 am- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Rite I 8 pm- AA		9:30 am— Begin Again
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II	8 pm- AA (BH)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Begin Again	6 pm— Wednesday dinner/class	9:15 am- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Rite I 8 pm- AA		9:30 am— Begin Again 12:30 p.m. 20's-30's-40's Cook-out-Rugby Park!
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
FATHER'S DAY 8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II 	8 pm- AA (BH)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Begin Again	6 pm— Wednesday dinner/class	9:15 am- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Rite I 8 pm- AA		9:30 am— Begin Again
28	29	30	<p><i>Don't forget to bring non-perishables and donations for Family Life Ministries on the first Sunday of every month!</i></p>			
8 am- Rite I 10:30- Rite II Liturgy Commission Mtg	8 pm- AA (BH)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Begin Again				

Please call the church office to add a birthday!

Lay Ministries Schedule

June 7	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	Trinity Sunday
Reader	M. Robertson	Fred Daniell	<i>Isaiah 6:1-8</i>
Eucharistic Minister	M. Robertson	D. McLeod/D. McLeod	<i>Psalm 29 or Canticle 2 or 13</i>
Altar Guild	Jackie Berlin, Sarah Clark, Beth Ehrensperger	Euch. Visitors:	Linda Vinal/Robbin Iddins
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Carl & Lisa Franzman	Usher-In-Charge/Usher <small>(10:30)</small>	Carl Cheely/Martha Cheely
June 14	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Reader	B. Braxton	P. Maniscalco	<i>Proper 6: 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13</i>
Eucharistic Minister	D. Wagner	K. Breedlove	<i>Ezekiel 17:22-23</i>
Altar Guild	Linda Vinal, Kei Breedlove, Joy Lopez	Eucharistic Visitor:	Mark Robinson/Martha McLeod
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Polly & Robert Hopkins	Usher-In-Charge/Usher <small>(10:30)</small>	Robbin Iddins/Becky Rivas
June 21	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Reader	M. Spring	J. Brady	<i>Proper 7: 1 Samuel 17:1-49</i>
Eucharistic Minister	M. Spring	E. Radaker / C. Cheely	<i>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</i>
Altar Guild	M. McLeod, Ruth Crook, Will Manders	Eucharistic Visitor:	Donn Blosser/Jason Brown
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Gwen & Calvin Fields	Usher-In-Charge/Usher <small>(10:30)</small>	Sue Johnson / Creston Portis
June 28	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	4th Sunday after Pentecost
Reader	J. Randolph	S. Housel	<i>Proper 8: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27</i>
Eucharistic Minister	J. Randolph	M. McLeod / G. Fields	<i>2 Corinthians 8:7-15</i>
Altar Guild	Denise McLeod, Gwen Fields, Marian Tillman	Euch. Visitor:	Robbin Iddins/Linda Vinal
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Tommy & Beth Ehrensperger	Usher-In-Charge/Usher <small>(10:30)</small>	Andy & Shannon Kortz
July 5	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	5th Sunday after Pentecost
Reader	B. Braxton	D. Mair	<i>Proper 9: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10</i>
Eucharistic Minister	J. Graham	R. Iddins / K. Breedlove	<i>2 Corinthians 12:2-10</i>
Altar Guild	Jackie Berlin, Sarah Clark, Beth Ehrensperger	Euch. Visitor:	Mark Robinson/Martha McLeod
Greeters (10:30 a.m.)	Carolyn & Ed Pierce	Usher-In-Charge/Usher <small>(10:30)</small>	Debbie Reeves/Ernie Radaker

Note to readers: use Revised Common Lectionary texts, year B. Please arrive early and allow time to check the bulletin against lectern. If you are unable to serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to obtain a substitute and notify the church office and/or Verger ASAP. Thank you!

Parish Life

Father's Day *Millennium Development Goal*

This Father's Day (June 21), give a gift that will really make an impact: Donate to Episcopal Relief & Development in the name of a father you know!

The 8 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) address the deepest material brokenness in the world today. Your father's day gift can help relieve:

- the 1.2 billion people living on less than \$1 a day.
- the 110 million children who aren't allowed a full course of primary education
- the child under 5 dying every 3 seconds from preventable, treatable causes

Give to the MDG Jubilee Fund, or purchase a mosquito net for a child in need in honor of Father's Day this year. **Visit www.er-d.org today.**

Thank You, Team



We raised \$385 For African Team Ministries last month!

Thanks to your help, the funds raised from the craft sale will be used to support African Team Ministry's orphan education projects and AIDS Education & Prevention Program.

On the Verge *Signs of Wisdom* -by Martha V. McLeod,

I recently discovered that the common honorific for a Senior Verger is "Venerable." The dictionary defines *venerable* as "worthy of respect as a result of great age, wisdom, remarkable achievements, or similar qualities." I didn't think I was getting quite that old, and my achievements don't feel all that remarkable to me, so I hope you will allow me to share some of the wisdom I've collected over the years.

A young child once rebuked me for my tendency to blame God for inconvenience or difficulty encountered in decisions I had made: when the sun was in the wrong place for me to see what I was doing; or there weren't enough hours in the day to do everything I had planned (when much of it could wait); or (my favorite) I'm not tall enough to reach whatever I was doing. The child pointed out that God made the sun and my body, and scheduled exactly the same number of hours in every day, so it wasn't God's fault at all, and it wasn't fair to blame God. Out of the mouths of babes comes wisdom, indeed!

Some of my favorite pearls of wisdom are found on church signs: on one in an intersection in East Point, "Pray while you wait for the Light." "Mud slinging tonight!" trumpeted one; I had to get out of the car to read the fine print: "Very best slinging mud, absolutely guaranteed to get more mud on the slinger than on the slingee." Another church sign suggested, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and GO WITH HIM."

Another great source of wisdom can be found on clothing, particularly T-shirts and sweat shirts. One asked, "What if the Hokey Pokey really is what it's all about?" Beneath a color photo of a gorgeous horse was the statement, "And on the eighth day, God went riding." But my favorite wisdom comes from two sweat shirts I've had for a long time: "A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove; but the world may be a different place because I was important in the life of a Child." And "Today, I will hold the thoughts, confidences, joys, sorrows, victories and defeats of others as gently as I would hold a hummingbird in my hand." Where do you find wisdom?

Congrats!

Maureen Sewell

Our very own Maureen just became a U.S. citizen! We are happy to have you as a fellow citizen, and congratulate you on all your hard work.

Jason Brown

Jason just graduated from Atlanta Christian College with a degree in Psychology and Counseling. We're proud of you, Jason!

Carter Mull

The Mull's son Carter will have six of his photographs in an exhibition by the Museum of Modern Art (MOMA) in New York this September 16 through January 10! The Whitney Museum has recently acquired one of his installations, and the Walker Museum of Modern Art in Minneapolis and the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles have previously purchased his work. You can see some of Carter's earlier work published in the Jan/Feb 09 issue of *Elle Decor*, the Nov/Dec 08 issue of *Departures*, and the April 09 issue of *Art in America*, or Google "Carter Mull and Art". So exciting!

What's Happening?

Monday, June 1 **Holy Grounds** 7 p.m.

On the first Monday of every month, Fr. Troy will be at **Jeffrey's Coffee Shop** on Virginia Avenue (by Spondivitz) at 7 p.m. to chat about anything on your mind.

Sunday, June 7 **Taizé Service** 7 p.m.

Wednesdays beginning June 10 6 – 7:30 p.m. **Adult Spiritual Formation**

June 10 marks the start date of the next cycle of classes. Please join us! Dinner begins at 6 and Bible study at 6:30 p.m. **All kids are invited to come play and on those evenings!** As usual, please call in advance if you will be with us. Would you like to help with meal planning? Call **David Houser** (404-873-3184).

Sunday, June 14 **2nd Sunday Brunch**

Please bring a dish to share, and enjoy food and fellowship after the 10:30 a.m. service!

Saturday, June 20 12:30 p.m. **20's-30's40's Cookout**

Anyone between the ages of 20's, 30's or 40's is invited to Rugby Park for a fun afternoon! Bring your favorite side dish, drinks, and outdoor games (Frisbees, footballs, soccer balls, etc.) We will meet to discuss what kind of social activities we would like to do as a group. Please RSVP to **Beth Rennie** at 404-229-8115.

In memoriam—**Francis Austin Manza**

The Manza family invites you celebrate Frank's life:

- July 5th, 2009, 2 pm, Majestic Point, Manza hou, Trenton, ME
- July 6th, 2009, 1 pm, Maine Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Augusta, ME. Please R.S.V.P. to Mary (502-718-4565).

Prayer List

MEMBERS

Daphne Mair	Carol Kadidlo
Caroline Patrick	Joy Lopez
Laura Vance	Bena Sue Livsey
Martha Mercure	Marian Tillman
Frank Harrell & Philip Maniscalco	

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

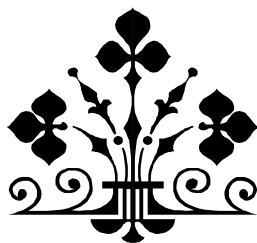
Drew Allen & Frank Ayala, serving us in Iraq
 Debbie Reeves' sister, Kelly
 The Springs' friend, Karen
 Gerry O'Connor's friend, Minnie, and niece, Ma-Phyu
 Georgie White's mother, Ruth
 Denise McLeod's friend, Rachel
 The Mulls' friend, Robert
 Joy Lopez' brother, Lawrence

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Ralph Mair	Peggy Chamberland
Mark Robertson & Randy Ransom's friend, Richard	

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR were given to the glory of God and

in loving memory of Ralph Mair;
 in thanksgiving for the many ministries of Ernie Radaker, with love from Bena Sue Livsey
 and in honor of Charles Cunningham and all the new members we welcome to the St. John's family with love from Ernie Radaker & Tuan Tran.



The Flowers on the Altar

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21. Do you know an extraordinary father?

Show him how special he is by dedicating the flowers on the altar on June 21! If you would like to donate altar flowers, please sign up by sending a check and a notation as to whom you want to honor or remember.

Name: _____ I would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday, (date) _____

The notation in the bulletin should read: *The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in*

Please return this form with \$40 check attached to the church office or mail to 3480 Main Street, College Park, GA 30337.

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Troy C. Beecham, *Rector*
Lee Barthelette, *Parish Administrator*
Margaret Ann, Ericka, & Tracy Johnson, *Nursery*

Martha V. McLeod & Mark Robertson, *Vergers*
David McLeod, *Verger-in-Training*
John Brady, *Sexton*
Dennis Luck, *Sexton*

Schedule of Services

- **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & Thursday 10:30 a.m.
- **Holy Eucharist Rite II**
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
- **Morning Prayer (Parlor)**
Tuesday & Thursday 9:15 a.m.
- **Wednesday Evening Programs**
6 –8 p.m.—Bible Study (childcare available)
- **Taizé Service**
1st Sundays of the month at 7 p.m.

St. John's Vestry

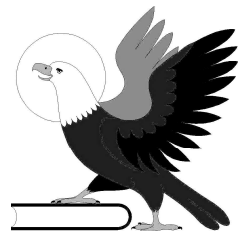
Debbie Reeves	<i>Senior Warden</i>
Sue Johnson	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Donn Blosser	Paul Brady
Kei Breedlove	Carl Cheely
David Houser	Robbin Iddins
Andy Korta	Janet Standen



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