

**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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Season of Pentecost

St. John's Episcopal Church

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From the Rector

The Needs are great.

Our common life depends upon our financial giving. We do not receive financial support from the diocese, or from any other outside source. We, the people of St. John's, are the ones who are called to give of ourselves and of our resources to create and sustain the life of our parish family.

How important are the life and ministries of our beloved St. John's parish family in our lives? Over this last year, we suspended funding of our outreach ministries because pledges were significantly below the amount needed to keep the church operational. Our budgeted expenses for 2009 were \$260,000. Our pledges were only \$190,000. It is sometimes hard to relate operating costs without knowing how the heating benefits us all and all those with whom we connect throughout the year. It is sometimes hard to understand how the up-keep of the 'bricks and sticks' of our beautiful church is 'spiritual.' We must continue to find creative ways to thrive as a parish, finding better and more streamlined ways to practice stewardship with the resources given to us.

Certainly, commitment is related to the resources we have at hand to offer. The Episcopal Church teaches that the tithe, 10% of our personal resources, is a healthy spiritual discipline. This is a goal not easily attained for many of us, but it is a goal to be achieved over time. However, we come to that; the time to decide is now.

The truth is that all that we do, done in the sight of God, for the love of God and our neighbors, whether having to do with things 'physical' or 'spiritual', is holy, and attended by the presence of God. Therefore, however we decide, however we give, let us give as unto the Lord, with a joyful and generous giving of all our lives and ourselves.

This is the time.

What's Happening?

Sunday, November 1

All Saints' Sunday

- **Remembrance of the Dead** 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Those who have died over the last year will be remembered on All Saints' Sunday. Please call the church office before the service during office hours with the names of those to be remembered.

- **Healing Prayers** 8 & 10:30 a.m.

The first Sunday of every month, we offer healing prayers and anointing with holy oil at both services. Do you need physical, mental, or spiritual healing? Does someone you love need that healing? Do you know of a condition in the world that needs healing? Come pray with us and know the love that surrounds us all.

- **Vergers' Installation** 10:30 a.m.

Come celebrate the commissioning of St. John's two newest vergers, **David McLeod & Bruce Braxton**, and of their study, hard work, and service to the parish.

- **Taizé Service, 7 p.m.**

Taizé is held the first Sunday of each month at 7 p.m. It includes music, silence, scripture and prayer, and provides a time to experience the presence of God in a unique way.

Monday, November 2 7 p.m.

Holy Grounds

On the first Monday of every month Fr. Troy will be at Jeffrey's Coffee Shop on Virginia Avenue (near the new Landmark Diner) at 5:30 p.m. Enjoy a cup of joe and and jaw for a while at Jeffrey's!

Thursday, November 5 10:30 a.m.

Speeders

Join us for Holy Eucharist, followed by lunch and a presentation. This month, we will hear from **David Shaginaw** from the new **Main Street Academy** Charter School! Speeders is held on first Thursdays. Special thanks goes out to **Philip Maniscalco & Frank Harrell** for preparing lunch!

Wednesdays 6-8 p.m.

Adult Spiritual Formation: Inquirer's Class

Dinner begins at 6 and Bible study at 6:30 p.m. **Dinner donations \$5.** All kids are invited to come and play during class, thanks to **John Breedlove**. 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).

Friday, November 6—Saturday, Nov 7

Annual Council + Communion & BBQ

Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori will make her first official visit to the Diocese of Atlanta for the diocese's 103rd Annual Council. During her stay, Bishop Jefferts Schori will address speak at the opening session of the 103rd Annual Council, and will visit several diocesan ministries.

- Bishop Jefferts Schori will preach and celebrate Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Cathedral (2744 P-tree Road). The service is open to all.
- A noontime barbecue the following day on the Cathedral grounds also will be open to the diocesan community. There will be a charge for the meal.

Many thanks go out to **Fr. Troy Beecham, Jackie Berlin, Janet Standen, and Paul Brady**, St. John's council representatives this year.

Sunday, November 8

- **United Thank Offering Ingathering**

Count your blessings...and your change! The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a personal and family devotional program of the Episcopal Church. It is a small but powerful way to be mindful of God's blessings even during difficult times, and then to pass them forward.

How does it work? Every time there is a blessing in your life—for good weather, a happy meal shared with friends & family, a good grade, or countless other things that affect you positively—simply put a coin in your blue UTO box. Twice a year, you are asked to bring in the amount collected. UTO combines your offering with those from thousands of other Episcopalians. Real, positive change is created both in our community and abroad with these daily blessings.

If you don't have a Blue Box, please pick one up today from the back of the church, or see **Georgie White**, Diocesan UTO Coordinator (770-996-9081/ georgiewhite@bellsouth.net) with questions.

- **Charles Gounod's Messe Breve**

Just a reminder: the choir will sing Charles Gounod's Messe Breve at the 10:30am service. Please attend!

- **2nd Sunday Brunch**

We will also give collective thanks on UTO Sunday at the monthly 2nd Sunday Brunch! After the 10:30 a.m. service, join us downstairs in Bott Hall. Bring a dish to share and enjoy food and fellowship together.

What's Happening?

Saturday, November 14 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Safeguarding God's Children Mandatory Training Class

- *How common is child sexual abuse?*
- *How do perpetrators gain access to children?*
- *How can our church prevent and respond to abuse?*

Find out the answers to these questions and much more at the upcoming **Safeguarding God's Children** class.

Safeguarding God's Children is a program developed for the Episcopal Church which deals with the prevention of sexual abuse. It teaches congregations how to protect the children we know and care for in both our personal lives and in the ministries in which we serve. It details the dynamics of abuse, how to teach children ways to protect themselves, how to recognize signs of abuse, and what to do if you have concerns about a person's behavior toward a child or youth, or if you suspect that a child has been molested. If every adult can protect just one child, they will forever change one life. If we can each change one life, together we will make a difference in this and in future generations.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clergy, • staff, • vestry members, • Sunday School & nursery teachers, • acolyte captains, • vergers, | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eucharistic ministers and Eucharistic visitors, • Begin Again volunteers, • church key holders, • and lay people who work with children and youth in any capacity. |
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Our diocese and parish requires this class for all. There will be a Safeguarding God's Children class at St. John's on Saturday, November 14, from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. It is free and open to all adults concerned about children and youth.

Please register in advance as soon as possible, because those who fail to participate in one of these classes cannot continue in their positions until training is complete.

Register online: www.stjohnscollegepark.com.

(or call the church office to register before November 10.) There will be a later class on **Sunday, December 6, from 1-4 p.m.** for those with a scheduling conflict.

It is a helpful, informative class, and all parents and parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend. **Please join us!**

Sunday, November 15

- **Pledge Cards Due**
- **Liturgy Commission 11:45 a.m.**

The Liturgy Commission will meet in the Parlor after the 10:30 a.m. service. All are welcome to join in the planning and discussions of our worship life together!

- **Music Department 3:15 p.m.**
Travelers Group Trip

Join us as we visit the Cathedral for Choral Evensong and Contemporary Worship. Carpools will depart from the horseshoe parking lot at 3:15 p.m. Monthly trips will be set on third Sundays. We will enjoy dinner ~~together at local restaurant between services.~~ MARTA rail drop-off and pick-up can be arranged for those wishing to leave early or arrive late.

Tuesday, November 17 6:15 p.m.
Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, November 18
Eagle Notes Articles Due

Send in good news or needs, thoughts, thanks, and prayers! E-mail parishadmin@stjohnscollegepark.com or mail to 3480 E. Main Street, College Park, GA 30337.

Sunday, November 22 4 p.m.
79th Annual

Community Thanksgiving Service

Held this year at College Park First United Methodist Church (3726 E. Main Street—404 766 6294), with Fr. Troy to preach, and sponsored by the College Park ~~Women's Club.~~ Please bring a can of food for Family Life Ministries, and join our ecumenical neighbors to give thanks! It is always a very rewarding service.

Thursday, November 26
10:30 a.m.

Thanksgiving Day Service



Parish Life

*Our deepest sympathy
To Diana Blosser, on the death
of her father, John.*

Calling All Musicians:

We've set plans for Advent and Christmas services this year and hope you will consider making music with us!

You can share your talents in several ways:

- **Advent Lessons & Carols**
(December 20th at the 10:30am service)
- **Christmas Eve Family Eucharist & Pageant**
(December 24th at 7:00pm)
- **Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols**
(December 24 at 11:00pm)

You (and those you know) are encouraged to offer solos, small vocal ensembles, or instrumentals. Short-term commitments to singing with the choir are also welcomed. For information on how you can share your musical gifts, sign up on Music Department page of the church's web site, email stjohns.atl.musicians@gmail.com, or call Tom Elston at 770-416-7225.

Attendance

September 2009

Service/Event	# of services	Attendance
Holy Eucharist – Sunday	8	42
Holy Eucharist – Weekday	3	23
Morning Prayer	10	38
Taizé Service	1	6

September 2008

Service/Event	# of services	Attendance
Holy Eucharist – Sunday	8	401
Holy Eucharist – Weekday	2	1
Morning Prayer	11	56
Wedding	1	160

Why It's Important

-From Donn Blosser, Vestry

Vestry members have been asked to share why they contribute financially to St. John's. This is my contribution.

The first and most important reason is spiritual. This is the WHY of giving. A life of faith is essential to living a joy-filled, ethical life. One must feel and understand that one is loved by God and the world is a good place. We don't have to be afraid. God is like a good parent: he not only loves and wants the best for me, but also he loves and cares for all our brothers and sisters. As with parental love, this means accepting all our shortcomings. Therefore, I should love you in like manner. Part of loving the other is providing a place of worship. As a good parent empowers the child to solve the problems they encounter rather than doing it for them. Although the world is a "good" place it isn't perfect. I really likes Father Troy's statement that when we complain to God about a problem he agrees and asks us what were are going to do about it. We have been given the resources now we must use them. That allows us to maintain a sense of responsibility in our world.

The second part is connecting actions to our beliefs. This is the WHAT of giving. This gets into that old faith and works paradigm. To me it is clear, that without actions (works) faith is phony. The worse part of not acting on ones faith is loss of faith in one's self. It is not good to think that all one is, is hot air. It is also irresponsible to others. Thoughtful giving is essential both to the community and the institution. The church has real expenses. The preacher and other staff need to be paid. The building must be heated, cooled and maintained. Paper and other supplies for the bulletins, newsletters and the bathroom must be purchased. Educational material must be provided to educate our children. Connection with the larger Anglican Communion must be maintained. There are enough expenses to make paupers of everyone if we individually tried to pay all the bills. If all we worry about is paying bills we become smaller and the world looks threatening. What is needed is that we trust one another to give what we feel called to do. The biblical model is 10%. That is what is needed to have a church that lives out it's beliefs, but we Episcopalians seldom live up to that, much to our detriment. It is curious that as we are more generous we begin worshiping a more generous God. But whatever you give, it will be very responsibly used to make you a better person and the world a better place. In biblical talk that's called bringing about the Kingdom.

Each month in this space, we will feature a story about our parish family and why making and keeping a financial pledge to the church is important to its members.

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!**



November Birthdays:

- 1 Tommy Ehrensperger
- 2 Jane Holloman
- 3 Calvin Fields
Claude Lindsey
- 8 Will Manders
- 9 Evelyn Terrell
- 12 Drew Mote
Alice Graybill
- 14 Peyton Hopkins
- 15 Jeanne Condrey
Amanda Mercure
- 16 Georgie White
- 20 Donna Dunn
- 25 Jeanne Mull
Jackie Land
- 26 Molly Mercure
- 27 Carl Franzman
Quinn Barthelette
- 28 Denise McLeod
- 29 Fred Daniell,
Adriana Mondone

November 2009

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
FLM Sunday 8 am- Rite I 9:15 a.m. - Sun- day School 10:30- Rite II Healing Prayers at both services 7 pm—Taizé service ALL SAINT'S DAY	8 pm- AA (BH) 7 p.m. Holy Grounds (Jeoffrey's)	9:15 am— Morning Prayer 10 am—CP Stitch-In 6 pm— Begin Again; Yoga	6-8 p.m.— Wednesday Night Class & \$5 dinner	9:15 a.m.- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Speeders 8 pm- AA (BH)	8 a.m.— WA Moms' Bible Study Annual Council + Communion w/ Presiding Bishop	9:30 am— Begin Again BQ w/ Presiding Bishop
8 UTO Ingathering Sunday 8 am- Rite I 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30- Rite II 2nd Sunday Brunch	8 pm- AA (BH)	9 9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Begin Again; Yoga	10 6-8 p.m.— Wednesday Night Class & \$5 dinner	11 9:15 a.m.- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Holy Eucharist Rite I 8 pm- AA (BH)	12 8 a.m.— WA Moms' Bible Study	13 9-1 pm— Safeguarding God's Children Class 9:30 am— Begin Again
15 Pledge Cards Due 8 am- Rite I 9:15 a.m. -Sun School 10:30- Rite II Liturgy Commission after services 3:15 p.m.—Music Traveler's Trip	16 8 pm- AA (BH)	17 9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Begin Again; Yoga 6:15 p.m.— Vestry	18 2p.m.— DAR 6-8 p.m.— Wednesday Night Class & \$5 dinner	19 9:15 a.m.- Morning Prayer 10:30 - Holy Eucharist Rite I 8 pm- AA (BH)	20 8 a.m.— WA Moms' Bible Study	21 9:30 am— Begin Again
22 8 am- Rite I 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30- Rite II 4 p.m.— Community Thanksgiving Service (CP Methodist)	23 8 pm- AA (BH)	24 9:15 am— Morning Prayer 6 pm— Begin Again; Yoga	25 <i>Class cancelled</i>	26 10:30 - Holy Eucharist Rite I 8 pm- AA (BH)	27	28 9:30 am— Begin Again
29 8 am- Rite I 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School 10:30- Rite II	30 8 pm- AA (BH)					

Lay Ministries Schedule

November 1	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	The Feast of All Saints
Reader	David Wagner	Carl Cheely	<i>Wisdom of Solomon 3: 1-9</i>
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Randolph	Robin Iddins/D. McLeod	<i>Revelation 21: 1-6a</i>
Altar Guild Team #4	Linda Vinal, Kei Breedlove, Joy Lopez	Eucharistic Visitor:	Jane Holloman/R. Townsend
Ushers/Greeters (10:30)	Linda Vinal, Ernie Radaker/Heidi Chandonia	Vestry-in-Charge (10:30)	Kei Breedlove
November 8	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	23rd Sun after Pentecost
Reader	Gwen Fields	Robert Gregory	<i>Ruth 3:1-5,4:</i>
Eucharistic Minister	Gwen Fields	Carl Cheely/Jane Graham	<i>Hebrews 9: 24-28</i>
Altar Guild Team #1	Ruth Crook, Will Manders, Phillip Maniscalco	Euch. Visitor:	Mark Robertson
Ushers/Greeters (10:30)	Shannon Housel, Glen & Vanessa Rada	Vestry-in-Charge (10:30)	Debbie Reeves
November 15	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	24th Sun after Pentecost
Reader	Jane Randolph	Lisa Henderson	<i>1 Samuel 1:4-20</i>
Eucharistic Minister	Bruce Braxton	Kei Breedlove/Robbin Iddins	<i>Hebrews 10:11-14(15-18)19-25</i>
Altar Guild Team #2	Gwen Fields/Denise McLeod	Eucharistic Visitor:	Linda Vinal
Ushers/Greeters (10:30)	Carolyn Pierce, Nee Odoi, Robert Hopkins	Vestry-in-Charge (10:30)	Paul Brady
November 22	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	25th Sun after Pentecost
Reader	Mark Robertson	Shannon Housel	<i>2 Samuel 23:1-7</i>
Eucharistic Minister	Bruce Braxton	Gwen Fields/Ernie Radaker	<i>Revelations 1:4b-8</i>
Altar Guild Team #3	Jackie Berlin, Sarah Clark. Beth Ehrensperger	Euch. Visitor:	Donn Blosser
Ushers/Greeters (10:30)	Gwen & Calvin Fields. Bill Hill,	Vestry-in-Charge (10:30)	Donn Blosser
November 29	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	1st Sun of Advent
Reader	Bruce Braxton	John Brady	<i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i>
Eucharistic Minister	Mark Robertson	D. & D. McLeod	<i>1 Thessalonians 3:9-13</i>
Altar Guild Team #4	Linda Vinal, Kei Breedlove, Joy Lopez	Eucharistic Visitor:	Jason Brown
Ushers/Greeters (10:30)	Tommy & Beth Ehrensperger, Jane Graham	Vestry-in-Charge(10:30)	Kei Breedlove
December 6	8 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday of Advent
Reader	David Wagner	Kei Breedlove	<i>Malachi 3:1-4</i>
Eucharistic Minister	Jane Randolph	Kei Breedlove/ Robbin Iddins	<i>Philippians 1:3-11</i>
Altar Guild Team #1	Ruth Crook, Will Manders, Phillip Maniscalco	Euch. Visitor:	Jane Holloman/R. Townsend
Usher/Greeters(10:30)	Creston Portis, Ernie Radaker, Heidi Chandonia	Vestry-in-Charge(10:30)	Andy Korta

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 **Denise McLeod**, the church office and/or a verger ASAP. **Thank you!**



Episcopal Civics 101

Annual Parish Meeting

The Episcopal Church is deeply rooted in a representative form of church government. Lay participation in governance is a hallmark of our identity.

It begins at the parish level with **the vestry**. Vestry members are elected by the parish.

To be a member of the vestry, one must

- have been regular in attendance for the previous year,
- be a confirmed member of the parish and
- be at least 18 years old, and
- have made and maintained a financial commitment to the parish, known to the treasurer, for the last year.

The vestry, along with the rector, is charged with making the decisions affecting the life and ministry of the parish. Members are responsible for the “temporal affairs of the parish.” They handle the funds of the church, share duties on Sunday morning, and maintain the property – a big job! Equally importantly, however, is the role of the vestry as spiritual leaders of the parish and collaborators with the rector supporting the parish’s ministries.

Next month, on December 13, we will hold the annual parish meeting/brunch (after a combined 10 a.m. service). We will review the past year and elect new vestry members. The nominating committee will announce candidates soon. Please check Bott Hall for upcoming announcements. (You are welcome to volunteer or make a nomination “from the floor,” but so that we may determine eligibility and willingness, please do so in writing at least one week earlier.)

To be qualified to **vote**, you must:

- Be 16 years old,
- be a member of the parish (you were baptized here and have not moved, or your “letter” (the record of your baptism) has been transferred here),
- be a confirmed Episcopalian,
- have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, during the previous year, and
- have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.

If you are not qualified to vote, please consider becoming qualified. If you are, please come to vote!

Please continue to pray for our vestry. If you are qualified to help your parish on the vestry, please listen to hear if you are being called to serve a term.

Contact **Donn Blosser, David Houser, or Debbie Reeves** for more details.

On the Verge

-Martha V. McLeod Senior Verger



On November 1, St. John’s will commission two new vergers, **Bruce Braxton** and **David McLeod**, doubling our vergers’ team and adding many years of experience to the corps. But I keep hearing, “Why do we need four vergers? Why do we need any vergers? What is a verger, anyway?”

Since the early days of the church, laypersons have been trained and commissioned to assist the clergy in the conduct of Divine Liturgy. The position of the verger developed in Britain at the time of the Reformation where he served as the “Protector of the Procession.” He walked before as they proceeded to and from services. He carried a large mace (or virge) often used to discourage animals or people from disrupting the procession. Today, the office of the verger supports and assists the clergy in carrying out services and helps to oversee the preparation for each service so that the liturgy proceeds smoothly. The verger is trained and can serve in all lay worship ministries. In real terms, the verger is responsible for whatever the rector wants him or her to do. Every church is different, and our responsibilities can change from church to church, from rector to rector, even from priest to priest.

Why does St. John’s need four vergers? Fr. Troy wants four vergers, so that they can alternate and share the work once fully trained and commissioned. All of us have been active members of the altar guild, lectors, Eucharistic ministers or visitors, and acolytes. Mark and Bruce are working with the ushers/greeters guild, and David and I have been in choirs at St. John’s for a long time. We are all members of the national verger’s guild and the Diocese of Atlanta’s Mark Emery Graham chapter. Bruce and I are also studying for the VGEC’s associate ranking, which will certify us to train vergers at other churches.

But first, we worship God, follow the teachings of Jesus, and support our parish and its rector. It is the verger’s responsibility to make sure the priest has everything he or she needs, when and where it is needed, and if anything isn’t right, anticipate or notice it, and fix it – preferably without anybody else in the church aware of it. As Bishop Whitmore has said, “If someone attends a service at your church and they notice and remember the verger, we’re not doing it right.”

Our guild badges include the text “*Servitas in Cultu et Cultus per Servitatem*” – “*Service in Worship and Worship through Service*”. Please pray for Bruce, David, Mark, Fr. Troy, and me, as we prepare to commission our new vergers and to continue our work to support you in worship.

News from the Diocese

November 1, 3 p.m.: Walk the Road for Emmaus House

Come to the 4th annual Walk the Road event! The afternoon includes a neighborhood walk, an art sale, a cookout, and an open house. "We promise challenging and fun learning opportunities and an introduction to some saints in our neighborhood," said the Rev. Claiborne Jones, vicar and director. Participants are asked to bring canned goods and school supplies. Information: 404-525-5948, emmaushouse@earthlink.net.

November 19-November 22: Artists' Market

The Work of Our Hands and The Cathedral of St. Philip present the 7th annual Artists' Market to benefit Emmaus House and Holy Comforter programs. The opening reception is Nov. 19, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The market is open daily Nov. 20-21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Child Hall at the Cathedral. Scores of local and regional artists will participate in the show and sale that will include pottery, weaving, painting, glass, photography, jewelry, quilts, cards, wood carving, Christmas ornaments and many other handmade and original gifts in a variety of price ranges.

Concern, help for flood victims continues to pour in

The outpouring of concern for the recent flood victims continues to pour in from around the Diocese. Disaster funds from Episcopal Relief and Development are filling emergency needs such as food, transportation, and clean-up equipment, as well as helping to shore up the heroic efforts of Good Shepherd Church, Austell, which opened its doors the night the waters rose and has continued to reach out to its neighbors ever since. We are now working to keep the parish hall doors open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the next several weeks, and longer if needed. Those able to help volunteer or donate emergency items please contact Kirsten Anderson, vestry member and director of the Good Shepherd Outreach Center, at 678-229-7284. Continuing items particularly needed: household goods for reestablishing homes, diapers, clothing (gently used and clean, please), hangers, coat racks for organizing clothes, food, and cleaning supplies. Just a few of the efforts from around the diocese: St. James', Clayton, which provided donations from parish yard sale and have already delivered to Austell; St. Martin's and Holy Innocents' schools, whose students and staff gathered donations and funds; and Holy Trinity, Decatur, which has sent a muck-out team to help at Good Shepherd.

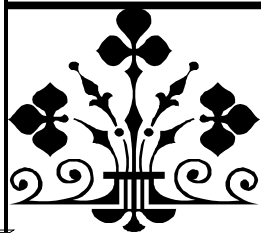
-The Rev. Debbie Shew, Canon for Community Ministries, shew@episcopalatlanta.org

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU
goes out to **Carl Cheely** and all the volunteers who put in so much effort into making our annual Fall Festival and Blessing of the Animals such a fantastic event!
And to **David & Denise McCloud, Daniel Hudson**, and the host of volunteers who helped make our Talent Show Concert such a rousing success! Fr. Troy thinks that we should make the Talent Show an annual event! How about you?

Holy Humor

—from Gerry O'Connor

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled. "What does it mean?" The young boy replied excitedly. "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth!'"



The Flowers on the Altar

We have flowers on the altar each week—dedicating flowers is a good way to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, and other special days for loved ones. 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.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep in your prayers

MEMBERS

Martha Mercure	Laura Vance
Bena Sue Livsey	Fred Daniell
Helen Scarbrough	Hank & Neva Frese
Mary Hughes	Caroline Patrick
Joy Lopez	Martha McLeod
Julia Paris	Martha Fisher
Dennis & Verlyn Luck	Lenora Griffin
Barbarine Thorpe	Becky Fields

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

Pfc. Bowe R. Bergdahl, held captive in Afghanistan
 M.E. King's friend, Adam Steed, wounded in Afghanistan
 Ray Pawlik, serving us in Afghanistan

Debbie Reeves' sister, Kelly
 The Springs' family, Renetta & Chip Lynch
 Becky Rivas' father, Norman
 Calvin Fields' cousin, Randy
 Paul Brady's cousin, Kathy
 The Mull's friend, Jody
 Sue Johnson's grandson, Jared
 Joanne Lindsey's family friend, Zeb
 Marian Tillman's family's friends, Sam & Bryan Kirby
 Philip Maniscalco & Frank Harrell's friend, David
 Diana Blosser's mother, Sue

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Diana Blosser's father, John
 Philip Maniscalco & Frank Harrell's friend, David's, mother
 Marshall Ellis, St. John's former rector (1954)
 All those who have died in war, or from preventable
 diseases, or from malnutrition last month

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

in memory of my precious daughter, Jan Chamblee, and my
 father, John T. Sanders, with love from Jackie Berlin;
 in memory of the Ben F. Jeanes Family: Alfred, B.F.,
 Ben F. Jeanes, Sr., and Pearl Jeanes,
 with love from Margaret J. Gourley,;

in honor of my youngest son, Tim Livsey, on his birthday
 October 16, with love from Bena Sue Livsey.
 and in memory of Monica White-Volz, with love from
 Georgie White.

*May God bless all donors, volunteer
 workers, and all who contribute
 toward the care of those in need.*

Millennium Development Goal # 6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other Communicable Diseases

The Goal: Stop the spread of these diseases and see
 a decline in death rates.

Let us pray for an end to pandemic disease through-
 out the world, particularly the scourges of HIV/AIDS,
 Malaria, and Tuberculosis, that plagues of death may
 no longer fuel poverty, destabilize nations and inhibit
 reconciliation and restoration throughout the world.

Did you know? In the developing world, 55% of
 deaths are attributed to preventable communicable
 diseases. 1 million people die each year from malaria,
 an easily preventable disease. 14,000 new HIV/AIDS
 infections are diagnosed every day.

Episcopal Relief & Development's work protects
 people from contracting infectious diseases such as TB,
 malaria, dengue fever and HIV/AIDS. These diseases
 leave orphaned children vulnerable, whole communi-
 ties without a workforce, and families unable to sup-
 port themselves. Education and access to treatment
 are the tools to halt and reverse the spread of these
 devastating diseases. With OUR support, we can help
 make this goal a reality. For example, through the ERD
 Gifts for Life catalogue, you can educate child or-
 phaned by AIDS, train an HIV/AIDS worker, or pur-
 chase insecticide-treated mosquito nets. They make
 great Christmas gifts! **Visit www.er-d.org to help.**

Sunday School Materials Wish List:

- Electric pencil sharpener
- Box of 8 1/2 x 11 Avery Lamination Sheets
- Potted plants / small mister / plant stands
- Small coffee table
- Assorted small baskets (no handles)
- small heating pad
- fresh flowers

St. John's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Troy C. Beecham, *Rector*
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Tom Elston, *Organist/Choirmaster*
Keith Huffstetter, *Rite I Organist*

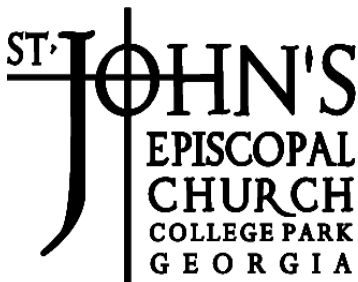
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David McLeod & Bruce Braxton, *Vergers-in-Training*
John Brady & Dennis Luck, & Scott Fields, *Sextons*

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
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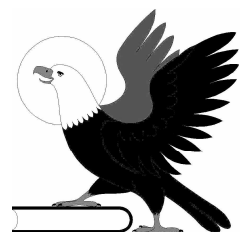
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