

The Gregorian Chant

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, Athens, GA

August 2011

Dearly Beloved,

As I write, our dear Hortense Bates has only 4 more days until she retires after faithfully serving our church for 12 years. Her help and counsel on your behalf have been invaluable to me. I have watched in recent weeks as she has made meticulous notes and folders for her successor so that the transition might be smooth. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty in more ways than you will ever know and I have deep respect and gratitude for her integrity and generosity. Her hospitality and welcome when I was new to St. Gregory's has been an example to me of authentic ministry.

Join me in celebrating her years with us and wishing her well in the days ahead (may they be many—I have seen her fabric stash!) this Saturday, July 30 at 7:30 pm in the parish hall for dessert and festivities. If you have a favorite dessert, bring it to share, but come anyway, with or without goodies. You know us—there will be plenty!

Blessings and peace,

Beth

Good Bye

and thanks for all the kindnesses you have shown me over the past twelve and a half years.

I have met so many wonderful people here and I have made some great friends. Being the Parish Administrator for St. Gregory's has been the most rewarding job in my working life. I will miss you all!

I am not leaving town, so who knows, I just might come to church one day!

Hortense Bates

Parish Administrator, retired

Welcome Kendall Kookogey to our staff!

Some of you already know Kendall by her exquisite voice! She also has exquisite skills and talents which qualify her to be the next Parish Administrator. She has run her own business, worked for Philadelphia law practices, the UGA music department and a Presbyterian church. She is well versed in website creation and maintenance, social networking and current computer technology and programs.

People love her wherever she goes and we are lucky to have her. She will start on August 1st. Kendall will be working 30 hours a week and Greg Pearson, our bookkeeper, will be working 10 hours a week. Kendall is married to Dallas Bono and as you know, they have two children, Chiara and Logan.

Last call for parish delegates to Diocesan Council.

If you are interested in serving as delegate or alternate to Council let Beth or a vestry person know before vestry meets on August 9. The Fall Council is November 4-5 in Cartersville, and then you will be able to elect the new Bishop on Saturday, June 2, 2010.

Attention Adults and Kids!

Our "one room school house" Sunday School for kids will continue through August 7. We are currently working on different ways to pray, and will use the labyrinth this Sunday, July 31. The adults have agreed to swap meeting places with us for this Sunday _ adults will meet in All Saints Chapel in the Christian Education building, and the children will walk the labyrinth in the Parish Hall. The labyrinth will be available for others to walk the rest of the day.

Sunday School

"Regular" Sunday school for children and youth, with classes divided by age, will resume on August 14th. We use the rotation workshop method for our children from Pre_K to 5th grade. This means we all study the same Bible story for 3 or 4 weeks, but each week we experience the story in a new way _ through art, cooking, acting, games, movies, etc. Please contact Catherine Drewry, director of Children's Ministries, at 706_743_3592, drewrys@hm_e.net for more information.

Venture upstairs and check out our cool classrooms! The children's classrooms are in the Christian education building, and the youth classrooms are over the offices in the Parish Hall building. (And please let us know if your child needs a ground floor classroom. We want to make it possible for all to attend Sunday School!)

We work hard to provide programs that are thought_provoking and fun. Our goal is for children and youth to want to be at church, and to know that God loves them unconditionally. We pray that our kids will think, question, explore, and find answers as we learn and worship together.

Wondering if your child is old enough for Sunday School? Each child is different. Some are ready at 3, others not until 5. Some want parents with them, and some do better on their own. We think you are the best judge of when your child is ready, and you are always welcome to accompany your child.

Children's Ministry Meeting

July 31, after the 10:30 service, in the Chapel. Who should come? Teachers, Church School leaders, and parents. Lunch and child care will be provided. Please call or email Catherine Drewry so she'll know how much food to buy! Thanks! 706_743_3592 drewrys@hm_e.net

Put on your thinking caps. What is working well? What should we change? What ideas do you have?

Youth

Youth Sunday School will resume Sunday, August 14, and will meet every Sunday at 9:15. Evening youth group will be announced later.

All middle and high school students are invited to join us upstairs in the office building. Come and see!!

Adult Christian Education

The adult education class continues to meet at from 9:15 to 10:15 each Sunday. We are continuing with the "First Light Series, Jesus and the Kingdom of God" narrated by Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. Their CD based presentations provide the basis for interesting discussions. Everyone is welcome; no preparation or reading is required.

Music

Choir rehearsals officially begin again Wednesday August 3rd! Hope to see everyone back ready to rehearse!

Food Bank

The Athens Area Emergency Food Bank really needs donations of canned soups – let's fill the little red wagon.

St. Gregory's by the Numbers

July 3 attendance 115 , collection \$ 8,807

July 10 attendance 171 , collection \$ 4,719

July 17 attendance 159, collection \$4,432

July 24 attendance 132, collection not available Attendance data is for all three services each Sunday.

The collection amount includes all contributions and donations received on Sunday and in the preceding week.

From your friendly coffee coordinator:

Opportunities are still available to sign up to be a coffee host/hostess in the months of August and September! Don't let this opportunity pass you by! Earn the praise of your fellow Gregorians for your baked goodies or other offerings! The smiles of the children make it all worth while. I am still happy to help anyone learn to use the coffee machines or that rather challenging dishwasher.

Thank you to all who have served in the past.

Lois Alworth

Outreach

The Outreach Committee is collecting school supplies in the next few weeks to donate to Barnett Shoals Elementary School and to homeless children in the Athens area. We are also including middle school-aged students are included if you prefer to pick up something for older kids.

Needed supplies include facial tissue, hand sanitizer, book bags, Elmer's school glue, glue sticks, colored pencils (12 or 24 ct), crayons (12 ct or larger), markers, pencil top erasers, #2 pencils, blue or black pens, 3-ring notebooks, gallon ziploc bags, wide-ruled notebook paper, and safety scissors. Older students also need index cards, spiral notebooks, graph paper, rulers, and basic 4-function calculators.

A complete list may be found on the bulletin board in the hall of the office building. A donation box is in the narthex.

The Friends of the Clarke County Department of Family and Children Services are rounding up gently used clothes to hand out to needy students and their families before school starts.

The Friends group is asking donors to drop off clean clothes, accessories and shoes from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 1-3 at the DFACS offices, 284 North Ave.

Athens-area schoolchildren and their parents are invited to come by the DFACS office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 4 and 5 to select school clothes.

The clothing giveaway is open to schoolchildren and their families from all around Athens, not just Clarke County, said Emma Holman, who is helping to spearhead the clothing drive.

"We are asking for everything and anything in all sizes, because we're doing some adult clothing," Holman said. "We're expecting whole families to come and do shopping." Holman especially would like donors to bring in some used business suits that high school students can wear for job interviews, she said.

A Great Week!

Wizards and Wonders, our intergenerational VBS, was a great week of fun, fellowship, learning, feasting, singing, and worship. Registrar Nancy Hobart reports we had 153 people registered, and had average attendance of 93 people per night! Thank you for participating, and for bringing your friends and families. And, thank you to our many volunteers and donors whose collective efforts made this possible!

Wizards and Wonders Cast

Narrator/Professor Flitwick: Scarlet Buckley

Aunt Petunia/Sorting Hat: Kristen Reinberger

Uncle Vernon: Mark Tavernier

Dudley/Draco Malfoy: Ben Barkdoll

Harry: Hayes Phillips

Hagrid: John Granrose

Ollivander: George Drewry

Prof. McGonagall: Carol Jones

Ron Weasley: Quinn Phillips

Hermione: Clare Wislar

Albus Dumbledore: Mike Peck

Hannah Abbott: Angel Phillips

Terry Bones: Sam Johnson

Fawkes: Pace Barkdoll

Prof. Quirrell/ Prof. Snape: Taryn McDonald

The Basilisk: Sydney Brehm

The Troll/Tom Riddle: Steve Phillips

Prof. Sprout: Melinda Jones

Ginny Weasley: Olivia Morris

Director: Julie Phillips

Set Creators: Viviane Van Giesen, Olivia Morris, Allison Lewis, Madeleine Lewis, Evan Lewis, Catherine Drewry, Clare Wislar, Elizabeth Wislar, Margarette Fowler, Sydney Brehm, Taryn McDonald, Terry Dotson, Kristen Reinberger, Maggie Reinberger

Activity Leaders:

Magic _ John Granrose;

Illumination, Wand Making, and Serpentology _ Diane Barrett and Madeline Darnell;

Potions and Herbology _ Margarette Fowler, Scarlet Buckley, and Catherine Drewry.

Bible Wisdom: Karen Hankins, Courtney Adang, Beth Thornton, Allison Lewis, and Scarlet Buckley

Wizard Workouts: Alice Mohor and Nancy Hobart

Song Leaders: Debbie Perry, Mattee Barkdoll, Scarlet Buckley, Beth Long

Worship Leader: Beth Long

Registration: Nancy Hobart

Food Preparation: Jennie Granrose, Fran Covert, Melissa Hamlin, Dakota Hamlin, Catherine Drewry, Franchesca Lane, Mardee Clinton

Books

Book sale is coming in October to a Parish Hall near you! Clean out those shelves and prepare to stock up for your winter reading.

Auction

The magic is stirring at St. Gregory's. Our Wizards and Wonders auction excitement increases with each new donation. What an amazing group of muggles we are! There's still room for many more offerings. Let your creativity flow. If you need ideas or if you're ready to share your magic contact Mike Peck at mpeck66@bellsouth.net.

Mark your calendars

The Institute for Ministry and Theological Education presents two seminars of interest in September.

On Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the Rev. Jane Tomaine will lead the retreat "Benedictine Spirituality: Living intentionally in a Distracted World" at St. David's Episcopal Church in Roswell, and Saturday, September 17, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Rev. Mpho Tutu will speak on "Made for Goodness, and Why this Makes All the Difference" at All Saints' Episcopal Church on Peachtree St., Atlanta.

For more information and to register go to imte.episcopalatlanta.org or call 404-601-5353

The Ark's 19th Annual Fellowship Golf Challenge, "Swing Fore Hope" is scheduled for Saturday, August 13 at the UGA golf course. Registration begins at 7:30 am with a shotgun start at 8:30 am. We invite everyone to come out for a great day of golf in support of a great cause. The entry fee is \$100 per player and includes lunch and some great prizes. If you don't golf you can still support this important fundraiser by being a sponsor, donating a prize or volunteering to help the day of the event. Register online at athensark.org or contact The Ark

(706) 548_8155 for more information. Start rallying your golfers to register to help your congregation win the Congregational Challenge trophy!

Divine Design

It is not too late to share your thoughts on how to make the church property more attractive, to give it that "street appeal"! Put them on the "Divine Design" bulletin board in the Christian Education Building. All ideas and suggestions are welcome, and they can be submitted as a statement, or a photograph, or drawing. No ideas are out of bounds.

Too shy to put your ideas on the board: call Peter Rice at 706-353-2083 or email him at rice@boppie.com

Calendar

Thursday, July 28, 2011

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. OA (library)

Friday, July 29, 2011

Mary and Martha of Bethany

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, July 30, 2011

William Wilberforce, 1833

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

7:30 p.m. Dessert Party

Sunday, July 31, 2011

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 13

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 1, 2011

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Building)

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, August 4, 2011

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. OA (library)

Friday, August 5, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, August 6, 2011

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 7, 2011

The Eighth Day of Pentecost: Proper 14

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 8, 2011

Dominic, Friar and Priest, 1221

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (parish hall)

Tuesday, August 9, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Christian Ed. Building)

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

Laurence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, August 11, 2011

Clare, Abbess at Assisi, 1253

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. OA (library)

Friday, August 12, 2011

Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, August 13 2011

Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Conner, and Dromore, 1667

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 14 2011

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 15

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 15, 2011

Saint Mary, The Virgin Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, August 17, 2011

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, August 18, 2011

William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. OA (library)

Friday, August 19, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, August 20, 2011

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 21, 2011

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

4:30 p.m. Outreach Committee

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 22, 2011

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (parish hall)

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, August 24, 2011

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

7:00 p.m. Choir

Thursday, August 25, 2011

Louis, King of France, 1270

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Tai Chi (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. OA (library)

Friday, August 26, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

6:00 p.m. Al-Anon (library)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, August 27, 2011

Thomas Gallaudet, 1902, and Henry Winter Syle, 1890

10:30 - 3:00 p.m. Private Group (Christian Education Building)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, August 28, 2011

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 17

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:15 a.m. Christian Education for all ages

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, August 29, 2011

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, August 31, 2011

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Healing Service

7:00 p.m. AA (Christian Ed. Bldg.)

7:00 p.m. Choir

Servers, Sunday, August 7, 2011

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Dolores Holt

NT Reading – Evan Powell

Intercessor – Evan Powell

EM – Dolores Holt

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Katie Anderson

EM – David Stooksbury

OT Reading – Ken Taylor

NT Reading – Katy Ulrich

Intercessor – David Lowe

1st Server – TBA

2nd Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

Usher – Joe Weinmeister

Usher – Mike Peck

Usher – Miles or Thomas Peck

Usher – Mark Tavernier

Counter – Mark Hein

Counter – Bill Alworth

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Barbara Dean, Julia Marlowe

Flower Guild – Sandy Hudson

Coffee Hosts – Donna Coppinger

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Ken Taylor

Servers, Sunday, August 14, 2011

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Steve Morris

NT Reading – Sarah Gordon

Intercessor – Sarah Gordon

EM – Steve Morris

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Jeremy Hankins

EM – June Ball

OT Reading – Katie Anderson

NT Reading – June Ball

Intercessor – Lois Alworth

1st Server – TBA

2nd Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Counter – Roger Swagler

Counter – Mark Reinberger

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Barbara Dean, Julia Marlowe

Flower Guild – Jennie Granrose

Coffee Host – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones

Servers, Sunday, August 21, 2011

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Dolores Holt

NT Reading – Sue Alford

Intercessor – Sue Alford

EM – Dolores Holt

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Alice Kinman

EM – Karen Hankins

OT Reading – Rebecca Baggett

NT Reading – Bill Alworth

Intercessor – Alice Mohor

1st Server – TBA

2nd Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Counter – Carol Hill

Counter – Lois Alworth

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Barbara Dean, Julia Marlowe

Flower Guild – Sybil Langford

Coffee Hosts – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Ken Taylor

Servers, Sunday, August 28, 2011

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Steve Morris

NT Reading – Don Miller

Intercessor – Don Miller

EM – Steve Morris

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – Jeremy Hankins

EM – Rebecca Baggett

OT Reading – David Fisher

NT Reading – Karen Hankins

Intercessor – Carl Hoveland

1st Server – TBA

2nd Server – TBA

Torch – TBA

Torch – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Counter – Ken Taylor

Counter – Katie Ulrich

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Barbara Dean, Julia Marlowe

Flower Guild – Nancy Carter

Coffee Host – TBA

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones