

The Gregorian Chant

St. Gregory the Great Episcopal Church, Athens, GA

July 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are enjoying these summer days. Though I think of peaches in Georgia, I'm looking forward to picking some more blueberries this afternoon. They are so delicious, they never last long enough in our house to get into a pie!

We are so thankful for the many new folks visiting St. Gregory's every Sunday and for the ministry of our welcoming committee who hands out name tags and greets us as we enter the church. I am going to ask each of you to help them by doing three simple things:

1. **10 feet:** when you are in church, if there is anyone you do not know within 10 feet of where you are sitting, be sure to greet them and exchange names.
2. **Name tag:** wear your name tag. Maybe some people have already met you and they are embarrassed not to remember your name. This helps them. It helps me too! If you wear your name tag, I will say your name at communion.
3. **3 Minutes:** 3 minutes is about how long it takes for someone to get from the church to their car. Spend the first three minutes after church greeting anyone who is new, or who you don't know. And then catch up with your friends!

Hospitality to strangers is one of the most important things we are taught in our sacred scriptures, because it is God whom we meet in the stranger. We see it in the ministry of Jesus over and over again. It's how we make new friends, learn new things, enjoy the diversity of all of creation.

So, look **10 feet** around you for anyone you do not know, wear your **name tag**, and spend the first **3 minutes** after church welcoming a newcomer!

Blessings and peace,

Beth

In Sympathy

Our condolences to Mark Hein and his family and on the death of his father Robert Hein in Athens on June 13 in Athens.

May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Celebrate Life

With Mandy and Thomas Gibson, who were married on June 10.

With Jeslin José and Shyno Thomas, who were married on June 15.

With Erica and Nick Golding on the birth of Caroline Nicole on June 12..

With Nancy and George Watson on the arrival of granddaughter Emma Jane. Mom Eliza and baby are in Dubai.

With Cecilia and Ben Reynolds and their daughter Janie, who will be baptized at the 10:30 service on July 5.

Thank you

Thank you all you volunteers,

who led, cooked, taught, set up, and cleaned up for the World Peace Village. Thank you parents and children and everyone who participated. And a very special thanks to Catherine Drewry who organized and led this wonderful week! You can see the Tibetan style prayer flags that everyone made around the patio, the mandala paper quilt hanging in the Christian Education Building and the beautiful Arabic calligraphy hanging in the narthex above the guest book which says "St. Gregory the Great" and was given by our Turkish Muslim friends.

Christian Education

There will not be any Sunday School for children or adults on July 5.

The series "Parables as Subversive Speech" based on the book of the same title by William R. Herzog II will resume on July 12 with Steve Phillips as facilitator.

Worship News

We will be using the *Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)* hymnal during July and the beginning of August.

Dann Brown will be the supply priest for August 9-23.

Good Women of St. Gregory

The Good Women will meet for the annual mid-summer lunch at Ryan's Steakhouse on Epps Bridge Road (near Home Depot) on Thursday, July 16 at noon!

Interfaith Hospitality Network Host Week St. Gregory will host families July 12-19. An email announcement has been sent out to our volunteer list. Please respond to the email as soon as you have decided how you can serve.

The White Board for signing up will also be available in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service June 28, July 5 and July 12. If you need more information please call or email Julie Phillips at 706-614-0342, littleapple11@bellsouth.net or Carol Hill at 706-316-1746, carhill@charter.net.

Discipleship (stewardship) corner As the vestry member charged with organizing? promoting? advising? developing? what it means to be a steward or caretaker, I plan to put a few thoughts in The Chant. Like most journeys, this is primarily an internal one. While we traditionally think about stewardship in terms of money, time and talent, it is really about developing our sense of generosity. St. Gregory's allows me ample opportunity to grow in this way. In the near future, I plan a canvass of the congregation along these lines: What could St. Gregory's do for you? What would you like to do for St. Gregory's? Please be thinking about this. Your beliefs become your thoughts, Your thoughts become your words, Your words become your actions, Your actions become your habits, Your habits become your values, Your values become your destiny. – Mahatma Gandhi David Lockman

May Auction: a rousing success

The Vestry is pleased to report a very successful auction May 16. Although the number attending was smaller than usual, those who attended the Spring Fling Auction had great fun and bid on some wonderful items. The silent auction items filled the large classroom in the Parish Hall and spilled over into the common room. While we munched on finger foods from Locos supplemented by a variety of beverages, Karen Hankins ably assisted by Vanna White, AKA Katie Anderson, entertained us and directed our attention to some fantastic live auction items offered by parishioners and local businesses. The bidding for several of these was very competitive. Ask to see the Auction booklet which lists all of the items.

The end result was that we raised approximately \$6462 with approximately \$919 in expenses giving us a profit of \$5543. This means that in six months we have raised approximately \$10,000.

There were several firsts at this auction. Twenty-four businesses

contributed items for the auction. They included the following:

Aaron Bonding Company

Just Rob and Denise

Ashford Manor Bed and Breakfast

Krogers East Side

Athens Power Pro

Lane Creek Golf Club

Brett's Casual American

Mama Sid's

Bulldog Sports

North Georgia Bank

Chestnut Contract Services, Inc.

Oconee Landscapes

DePalma's East Side

Oconee State Bank

Grand Rental Station

Suska Upscale Women's Consignment

Hibachi Express Inoko East Side

The Krimson Kafe

Homeplace Gifts

Wachovia Securities

Ira Guy, DDS

Watkinsville Mini_storage

Jittery Joe's Coffee

Watkinsville Service Center

If you have an opportunity, please thank them.

In addition the youth of St. Gregory's offered some great services: J2A Sunday School Class "Work Crew for You," 3 hours of labor at a parishioner's home, and two teens offered 5 hours of baby sitting.

Planning will begin in September for the next auction which will be held in the Spring. Come join us to make the next one even better.

General Convention

July 8 to 17, the Episcopal Church will gather at the triennial General Convention in Anaheim, CA. Our own Janet Patterson is a deputy for the Diocese of Atlanta. 1500 clergy and lay delegates and about 200 bishops will meet in separate legislative bodies, which both represent a cross-section of the church. For the first time, since the first convention in 1785, both the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies will be led by women: Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and President Bonnie Anderson.

For information on the actions and proceedings of the convention check <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/elif>

Meet your fellow parishioners

The Alworths, Bill and Lois, first attended St. Gregory's in the fall of 2005 having left their home in New Orleans, refugees from the infamous Katrina hurricane and its disastrous flood. They traveled to our part of Georgia where their two daughters live; later Bill and Lois returned to their damaged home, repaired it, and found a new owner. In 2006, they came back to Athens, bought a house in Cedar Creek, and settled into a new permanent location. And they returned also to our parish where both Alworths found plenty to do. Both often read the Sunday lessons, both are scheduled to count the offerings, and both volunteer to help with the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Currently, Lois is co-chair of the Welcoming and Parish Life committees and Bill serves as Clerk of the Vestry. The disaster in the Mississippi delta thus brought unanticipated rewards to our Episcopal community!

What brought the Alworths to St. Gregory's? Our location was convenient, and our parish similar in size and activity to their New Orleans church. They found us welcoming and warm, and the adult education offerings worthwhile.

Their personal histories are noteworthy – pun intended. Both Lois and Bill were born in Twin Falls, Idaho, where they met in Junior high. They have had healthy doses of higher education. Lois, a bachelor's degree from the University of California-Berkeley and a masters in Speech Pathology from Tulane. Bill's undergraduate work was at Harvard, and he earned his doctorate in Chemistry from UC-Berkeley. Bill taught Chemistry at Tulane for 40 years and Lois worked in a hospital setting.

Next August, the Alworths will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. They have three children. Brian, the oldest, is a meteorologist and lives in Missouri with his wife and stepdaughter. Andrea, the next in line, teaches third grade in Oconee County. Her younger sister, Leanne, is a veterinarian employed by the UGA vet school in its research division.

The Alworths are very active retirees. They enjoy attending the university's many musical offerings, and they participate in the Learning in Retirement program. They like to travel, especially to western destinations, and find camping in their travel trailer very pleasant. Bill tutors at a local high school and Lois volunteers with the Humane Society.

Bake Sale

Megan Wickwire, daughter of Mickey and Mary, will have a bake sale after the 10:30 service on July 12. She is raising funds to attend the People to People leadership program in Washington DC, this fall.

The Ark's Jubilee Fund

The Ark is known for its emergency financial assistance in cases of loss of income or unexpected necessary expenses. With the creation of its *Jubilee Fund* in partnership with the Georgia Federal Credit Union, The Ark has created a platform to respond to more than just a client's immediate needs. The Jubilee Fund will provide small, short-term, no interest loans to clients who meet strict criteria and demonstrate the ability to repay. Typically the loans will be less than \$1,000 although the amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis. With the involvement of the Georgia Federal Credit Union, participants will have the opportunity to become more fully integrated into the economic financial mainstream. The Jubilee Fund will operate in the manner of a revolving-loan fund. As funds are repaid, they become available for new loans.

"The Lord said to Moses . . . It shall be a jubilee for you . . . If one of your countrymen becomes poor and is unable to support himself . . . Do not take interest of any kind from him." (Leviticus 25:1 . . . 36)

Servers July 2009

Sunday, July 5, 2009

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 9

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 – Karen Hankins

EM – Carl Hoveland

OT Reading – Janet Patterson

NT Reading –John Granrose

Intercessor – Jennie Granrose

1st Server – Margaret Heald

Torch – TBA

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2nd Server – Nathan Risler

Usher – William Hale, III

Usher – Jason Peek

Counter – Mark Hein

Counter – Bill Alworth

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Barbara Dean, Julia Marlowe

Flowers – Sybil Langford

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones

Sunday, July 12, 2009

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 10

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Jim Jones

NT Reading – Sarah Gordon

Intercessor – Sarah Gordon

EM – Jim Jones

10:30 a.m. service:

EM –Barbara Kuhn

EM – Cecil Hudson

OT Reading – Katie Hein

NT Reading – Carl Hoveland

Intercessor – Cecil Hudson

1st Server – Bobby Holmes

Torch – Audrey Smith

Torch – Amy Kuhn

2nd Server – Hannah Scarbrough

Thurifer – Bobby Holmes

Usher – Joe Weinmeister

Usher – TBA

Counter – Tracy Howe

Counter – Katy Ulrich

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Barbara Dean, Julia Marlowe

Flowers – Karen Radde

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Ken Taylor

Sunday, July 19 2009

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost –

Proper 11

8:00 a.m. service:

OT Reading – Ken Taylor

NT Reading – Don Miller

Intercessor – Don Miller

EM – Ken Taylor

10:30 a.m. service:

EM – June Ball

EM – Jeremy Hankins

OT Reading – Carol Jones

NT Reading – Barbara Kuhn

Intercessor – David Lowe

1st Server – Rae Kretzer

Torch – Henry Scott

Torch – Thomas Peck

2nd Server – Clare Severens

Usher – William Hale, III

Usher – Kathy Hale

Usher – Sam Preston

Usher – Jason Peek

Counter – Carol Hill

Counter – Lois Alworth

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Barbara Dean, Julia Marlowe

Flowers – Nancy Carter

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Jim Jones

Sunday, July 26, 2009

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost –

Proper 12

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 – Rebecca Baggett

EM – Brad Hankins

OT Reading – Steve Phillips

NT Reading – Rebecca Baggett

Intercessor – Alice Mohor

1st Server – McGowan Drewry

Torch – Annabelle Coyne

Torch – Madelyn Coyne

2nd Server – Bill Hale

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Usher – TBA

Counter – June Ball

Counter – Mark Reinberger

Altar Guild – Susan Risler, Barbara Dean, Julia Marlowe

Flowers – Jennie Granrose

6:00 p.m. service:

EM – Ken Taylor

Calendar

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

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

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

Thursday, July 2, 2009

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

Friday, July 3, 2009

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, July 4, 2009

Independence Day

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, July 5, 2009

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 9

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, July 6, 2009

Office closed

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 o.m. Girl Scouts (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. AA (upstairs)

Tuesday, July 7, 2009

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, July 8, 2009

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

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

Thursday, July 9, 2009

4:00 p.m. IHN Coordinators' Meeting (Chr. Ed. Building)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

Friday, July 10, 2009

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, July 11, 2009

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sunday, July 12, 2009

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 10

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

IHN Week

Monday, July 13, 2009

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (small meeting room)

7:00 p.m. AA (upstairs)

IHN Week

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

IHN Week

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

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

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

IHN Week

Thursday, July 16, 2009

12:00 p.m. Good Women's lunch at Ryan's

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

IHN Week

Friday, July 17, 2009

William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1836

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

IHN Week

Saturday, July 18, 2009

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

IHN Week

Sunday, July 19, 2009

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 11

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

1:00 p.m. Labyrinth (parish hall)

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, July 20, 2009

Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Amelia Bloomer, Sojourner Truth, and Harriet Ross Tubman

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 o.m. Girl Scouts (parish hall)

7:00 p.m. AA (upstairs)

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

9:30 a.m. AMC

5:30 p.m. Yoga

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Saint Mary Magdalene

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

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

Thursday, July 23, 2009

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

Friday, July 24, 2009

Thomas a Kempis, Priest, 1471

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Saint James the Apostle

10:00 a.m. Private Function (Chr. Ed. Bldg.)

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Williams-Baker Wedding

Sunday, July 26, 2009

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 12

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, July 27, 2009

William Reed Huntington, Priest, 19009

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:30 p.m. MD Group (small meeting room)

7:00 p.m. AA (upstairs)

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Wednesday, July 29, 2009

Mary and Martha of Bethany

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

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

Thursday, July 30, 2009

William Wilberforce, 1833

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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

7:00 p.m. OA (upstairs)

Friday, July 31, 2009

Ignatius of Loyola, 1556

9:30 a.m. AMC

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

