



How Do We Live Our Lives?



So often we live our lives as if they will go on forever, with little thought for tomorrow. Then a friend suddenly dies and we are reminded that life can be over in a heartbeat and that all we really have in this life is right now...not tomorrow, not next week, but this moment.

When this happens to me, I find myself taking inventory of my life. I ask myself: "What kind of steward have I been with the life entrusted to me by God?" "Are you loving God with your whole being?" "Are you expressing that love of God in how you care for the neighbors God has placed in your path?" "Where have I come up short, in God's kingdom terms and where do you believe you are on track?" Then I renew my commitment to live each day as if it were my last, because each moment is precious, a gift, and not to be wasted. It matters deeply how we live each moment, be-

cause the way we live life in this world effects the life we will have in the world to come.

This is something to ponder as we prayerfully consider our stewardship commitment to St. Clare's for the coming year. It's an opportunity to take inventory of what kind of stewards we have been of the time, talent and treasure that God has entrusted to us. Where is our stewardship on track and where does it need tweaking? May our giving reflect a commitment that is invested in eternal values worthy of The Kingdom.

Susan+

Special points of interest:

- WHAT KIND OF STEWARD HAVE I BEEN WITH THE LIFE ENTRUSTED TO ME BY GOD?
- FALL CLEAN-UP CAN YOU HELP?
- DON'T COMPLAIN, BE PART OF THE SOLUTION-VESTRY NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AND THERE ARE OPENINGS FOR CHAIRPERSONS AND COORDINATORS
- HOW MUCH DOES A COW COST?
- TAKE A TRIP TO GREECE ON OCTOBER 6TH!

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Please be considerate and don't park in the handicap designated spaces at Worship or Fellowship unless you have a handicap sticker or license tag!

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Junior Warden Report



“NO SOAP AND WATER PLEASE”

We all know about Spring Cleaning-How about Fall Cleaning? That is going to happen at St Clare’s and everyone is invited to participate. It’s very easy: Check out the jobs below and the Chairpersons. Decide what job is best for you then contact the chairperson(s) who will tell you the date and time to show up.

Kitchen & Fellowship Hall-
Connie Carbone & Fran Smith

Sacristy & Altar-

Diane Anderson

Sanctuary/Inside of Windows J.C. Eriksen

Choir Room/Choir Loft-
Helen Yost

Vesting Room/Narthex- BJ Cutts

Upstairs Loft- Carlene Dockery & Janice Clapp

Storage Room off of Fellowship Hall- Leslie Davis &

Helen Littleton

One area that is not covered: the outside of the windows of the Sanctuary. Please contact me either at church or at 706-781-6986 if you have a solution(not soap and water but how to get the job done).

Thanks to Jim Smith and Logan Dyer for replacing the 16 sanctuary loft lights with florescent bulbs. The cost of the bulbs came from a donation! The other side lights will be replaced at a later time. The change of bulbs will make for a savings in our electric bill. Also, two individuals have offered to fund the replacement of the regular thermostats with automatic thermostats. This too will save on electricity as the manual turning off and on will be eliminated.

Stormy weather has caused the sensor and the electrical

boards for the outside lighting to be interrupted, resulting in mistiming of the lights. A back-up system is on the “want list” and hopefully will be installed soon.

In the scheme of things these replacements may seem minor but it all adds up to Stewardship– the “greening” of our church and a healthier environment.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Junior Warden and my thanks go to all of you for your dedication to our parish.

BJ Cutts



Activity Committee



Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Trappist Monastery

On Friday, December 7th we will be departing the church parking lot as soon after 8am as possible to visit Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Trappist Monastery in Conyers, GA. By November 19th we would like to have a reasonable count of people attending so that transportation can be coordinated and reservations can be made with the Monastery to lunch there. If

you can drive your car, please list that on the sign-up sheet on the Activity Board. Information on the Monastery is posted on the bulletin board or you may see their web page at www.trappist.net There is an Abby Shop and bonsai nursery for shopping. The monks make great fudge! The cost of lunch at the Monastery is \$5!

ARE YOU GOING TO A BAZAAR?

During my absence in October, I am requesting that people who attend Church and/or civic bazaars pay attention to the things that impressed them during their visit. If possible place these in the “Suggestion Box” in the Hall for consideration as we plan our Spring Fare!

Jane

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VESTRY NOMINATIONS

On November 4th at the Annual Parish Meeting, two vestry members will be elected to fill the positions of Mark Higgins & Leslie Davis who after three years of faithful service are retiring.

If you are interested in becoming part of the vestry, or you wish to nominate a person (with their approval) please notify Leslie or Mark who are the nominating committee. For each person nominated, include a short "vitae" explaining your ex-

perience in the church and what you hope to bring to the vestry. Nominations must be received by October 25th to be included in the publicity posters. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting on the 4th.

This is a three year commitment. The qualifications to hold office of Vestry Member shall be any confirmed communicant in good standing of the Parish who is (a) not less than eighteen years of age,

(b) a regular attendant upon the services in the year preceding election, (c) known by the Treasurer to have made and maintained a stated financial commitment for church support for the year preceding election, (d) committed to praying daily for the Rector, Vestry and Parish, (e) committed to one spiritual growth opportunity each year, (f) committed to proportional giving, goal being the tithe, (g) agreeable to be present at all special functions of the

Church, (h) agreeable to attend the Annual Retreat, (i) agreeable to chair a committee or serve on one, (j) agreeable to possibly be on the Board of Directors of Mountain Learning & Child Care Center, (k) be a 12 month local resident, (l) agreeable that more than two consecutive unexcused absences will not be considered resignation for the vestry. Only one member per family shall be allowed during a term.

OH, NUTS!

We will be selling nuts this fall as a fund raiser! We plan to have them available in time for the Greek Dinner on October 6th if at all possible. You may come by our table in the boutique at the Misty Mountain Guild's Fest at North Georgia Technical College October 12 & 13th. We also plan to have them available a few Sundays during Fellowship after church. There is a sign up sheet on the activity wall in the hall. Please keep us in

mind for your holiday baking plans! These are all shelled and ready to use and are from Valdosta GA. They also would be great gifts! All nuts come in 1 pound bags for \$10.

Mammoth Pecan Halves

Large Pecan Pieces

Whole Jumbo Cashews

(roasted & salted)

Contact Kathy Day for more information 706-379-1263 or flyfisherwoman@gmail.com

Greek Olive Cups

1 cup chopped pecans toasted
1 cup (4oz) shredded cheddar
1 cup chopped pimento stuffed olives
2T Tblsps mayo
2-21oz mini frozen phyllo shells
Mix first 4 ingredients- Place one tsp in each shell.
Bake 375 for 12-15 min. or until heated through.
May be frozen before baking for up to one month.



Diocesan Outreach Fund

The Diocese has requested that we forward some funds, 1% of our total budget was suggested, for the millennium outreach fund.

Originally, the vestry designated the revenues from a theme dinner for this purpose. Internal needs have forced St. Clare's to keep these pro-

ceeds in house.

We would like to encourage anyone with a generous heart to donate to this important effort. Donations may be turned in to the church office or put in the offertory plate. A little would mean a lot! Thank you,

Mark Higgins



BRAG CORNER!!!!

Helen & Dick Dillenbeck went to Purdue to attend the "White Coat" ceremony for their granddaughter, Jennifer who is now in the school of pharmacy after two years of pre-pharmacyonly four more years to go!
Congratulations!

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PUT SOMETHING IN THE PLATE CAMPAIGN!

A few weeks ago we started the “Put Something in the Collection Plate” campaign with the idea that if **every-one** would get into the habit of putting at least a dollar, or some change, in the plate every Sunday we might be able to meet our budgeted goal of \$5,000 for 2007! The program has a good start, let’s keep up the good work!



GARAGE SALE!!!! Mary Beth Wiles & Leslie Davis will be holding a giant garage sale later this fall! All proceeds will go to St. Clare’s. So if you have items that you would like to contribute, let them know. If you need to store them, Susan+ and Mary Lou Thurman will hold them in their garages!!!!

Financial Report	
August Income	\$18,324.01
August Expenses	<u>14,866.50</u>
	3,457.51
8 Month Income	\$114,262.27
8 Month Expenses	<u>110,522.06</u>
	3,740.21

PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE VESTRY MEETINGS AND OBSERVE! IF YOU WANT TO COMMENT OR DISCUSS AN ITEM YOU MUST BE ON THE AGENDA!

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Elections: BJ Cutts was elected as the new Junior Warden, Larry Jones was elected as Treasurer, and Jane Wedemeyer was selected as the Social Chairperson

The choir room is getting a make over—Cindy Defoor presented a design to improve the space and Butch Duryea will do the construction work. The funds are coming from the Music/Musicians Rest. Account.

The request for increased pledges or a one time gift has been successful. To date we have over \$9,400 either pledged or received toward the anticipated \$15,000 shortfall for the remainder of 2007.

A Communications Chair is desperately needed: see the Help Wanted for more information

The Vestry follows Robert’s

Rules of Order for each meeting. Therefore if you would like to speak, you need to be on the Vestry Agenda. Susan+ sets the agenda so you need to contact her two weeks preceding the Vestry meeting as the agenda is to the Vestry the Sunday before the meeting! Vestry Minutes are published along with the Financials on the bulletin board outside of the office.

Help Wanted!



Communications Chairperson

A recommendation has been made to have the Evergreen published monthly and this person would write articles for the Evergreen and newspapers, take pictures of events, design and help distribute church brochures. Please contact Susan+ if you are interested.

Flower Coordinator

This person will oversee the altar flowers from week to week. If someone has signed up for flowers, ensuring that they have been ordered and will be delivered on Saturday. If there are fresh flowers from the week before, freshen them up as needed. If no flowers are available, make sure that the silk arrangements are acceptable to be set out.

Skill Bank Coordinator

This person will collect and set up an information “bank” of skills of parishioners.

Sometimes, the same people are called upon and we would like to involve more parishioners!

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Greek Dinner/Stewardship

Authentic Greek

Cuisine!

**Saturday, October 6th,
6pm**

\$15 per person

Music &

Entertainment

Menu:

Stuffed Vine Leaves w/

Lemon Sauce

Cucumber Dip w/
vegetables

Olives

Greek Salad

Pastitsio-(macaroni w/
meat sauce

Spinach Pie-two versions

Baked Vegetables

Pita Bread

Vanilla Yogurt Ice Cream
w/Honey & Walnuts

Greek Wedding Cookies

Beer, Wine Soda

Samples of Greek
beer, wine, liqueur

Tickets are available
from Mary Beth
Wiles, Larry Jones or
in the office!



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Heads up! There's going to be an original Children's Christmas Pageant on Monday, Christmas Eve at 6pm. JC Eriksen has written the script and is working up costumes; Bob Hinnant is building a prop; BJ is rounding up children. If you are expecting grandchildren, nieces, nephews, visiting for Christmas, we would really like to include them as shepherds, angels, or wise men. Please let BJ know if you will have children who would like to be included. The final practice will be at 10am on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, and any visiting children can fit right in.

Remember the special offering taken by the children on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday for the Heifer Project? \$647 was collected. The children obtained a price list from Heifer Project International to help them make a decision on how to use the money.



Here are the costs:

1 sheep \$120; 1 llama \$150

1 Water Buffalo \$250

1 goat \$120

Flock of baby chickens \$20

Flock of baby ducks \$20

Flock of baby geese \$20

3 rabbits \$60 ;2 pigs \$120

1 heifer \$500

After great deliberation, the children decided to fund a heifer and a water buffalo.

We hope that the families who receive these will be greatly benefitted. Thank you for your generosity in making this possible!



Our next project is **Children's Sabbath** on October 7th in which all the children of St. Clare's will participate. The offering from that service enables us to purchase school supplies for the scholarship children at Mountain Learning Child Care Center.

Thank you so much for your support of us.

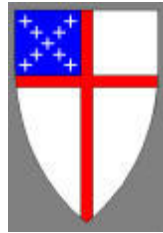
Although there aren't many of us, we want to be a vital part of St. Clare's

Submitted by BJ Cutts on behalf of Ansley, Brook, Emily, Macey, Samantha & Sean

CHILDREN'S
SABBATH IS
OCTOBER 7TH!
PLEASE SUPPORT
THEIR MINISTRY OF
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October	VPOD	Acolytes	Ushers	Chalicers	Sunday School	Altar Guild	Lay Eucharistic Ministers
10/7/2007 10:30AM	B.J. Cutts	B.J. Cutts & Brook	Macy & Logan Dyer, Brook Allen	BJ Cutts	Children's	Carolyn Brazil &	Duryea to Helen Fulford
Greeters: Emily Galpin Amy Pollin		Allen & Sean Duryea	Ron Jones		Sabbath	Eleanor Haller	Brasstown Manor -R23
10/14/07 10:30AM	Leslie Davis	Dick Peck	Larry & Gerda Jones	Paul Tremewan	Alice Duryea	Connie Carbone & Diane Anderson & Fran Smith	
10/21/07 10:30AM	Buddy Anderson	Norman Clapp	Ron Jones	Paul Tremewan	Leslie Davis	Mary Lou Thurman & Gloria Scott	
10/28/07 10:30AM	Mark Higgins	Billy Clayton	Jonathan Sayer	Jane Wedemeyer	Amy Pollin	Nancy Dell & Susan Gibson	Higgins to Rose Frye Stonehenge 2-204