



Come Let Us Adore Him

“Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, come let us adore him.” BCP, p. 81

Recently, the worship committee met to study the results of the questionnaire concerning the additional summer services and to make a decision about service offerings for the coming year. We appreciate all of your comments and took them into account in making our decisions.

The survey results have been printed up and are available in the narthex for those who wish to read them. A few highlights are as follows:

- Those who attended the 8am services cited liking the quietness, Rite 1 and the early hour. They least liked the lack of music and splitting the congregation so that you don't get to see those who attend another service.
- Those who attended the 5:30pm services liked singing the “old favorites”, the informality and evening prayer. What was least liked was the low attendance.
- It was clear that the additional services were a hardship, most especially for the altar guild.
- Recommendations for

future additional services: a permanent service at 9:30 or 10am instead of 10:30am, an evening contemporary service with praise music, and better advertisement.

Upon the advice of the worship committee, I have decided to drop the additional services for the “academic year”. As changing to an earlier time would impact the children's church, adult Christian education and the choir, we will return to one service on Sunday morning at 10:30am with Rite 2 for all except the last Sunday of the month which will be Rite 1. Healing will take place on the first Sunday of the month. The decision to go back to one Sunday service was made mostly because of the drain that the extra services have made upon the energies of the altar guild when there was such a low attendance. Although the average Sunday attendance for the 8am was 12 people and for the 5:30pm was 17, five of these were people serving that day in some capacity who otherwise might not have attended that service.

Another factor that weighed heavily on this decision was the disappointment over the

reduction of numbers at the 10:30am service and not being able to have fellowship with those who were at another service. For those who love praise music, Cindy DeFoor will try to incorporate some of those hymns into the 10:30am service. She has asked that you submit some of those praise hymn requests to her. They would need to be in *Wonder, Love and Praise, Lift Every Voice and Sing* and the *Hymnal*, if we are to use them on Sunday morning. Many of your favorites will be there. It may be possible to schedule an occasional praise service on Sunday evenings in the future.

The worship committee has suggested that we consider having just one service next summer, but move it to an earlier time, perhaps 9:30am or 10am. An additional service next summer was not recommended UNLESS the altar guild, acolytes, and chalciers have sufficient increases in numbers to make additional services possible without putting a strain on our human resources.

Thank you all who completed the surveys. Your comments were very helpful and we will keep them in mind in future planning.

Deo Gloria,

Susan+

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Update on our grounds

I thought I would give an update on our grounds at St. Clare's. Below the bell tower entrance is some very fine wood remaining from the large tree that was cut down. The wood is available for a nominal donation to the landscaping fund. There is safe access for a pick up truck right to the wood for anyone wanting to get it.

I wish to thank again, everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness, for their prayers and encouragement, during my ordeal in getting a "better back". You are indeed an extended family for Carol and me.

During my rehabilitation, weeds and growth had been generally having a good time but now that I can do light work again for brief periods (using my "ninja turtle" outfit) we are catching up. Things are getting literally shaped up again. I wanted you to know how much I appreciate the work of Bob Hinnant who has done the major trimming with a long handled hedge trimmer and some weed spraying. He has been such a help! And there is a special thank you to Roy Johnson who has accompanied me each Tuesday and Thursday morning to pull weeds and carry the sprayer bottle for me. Roy can bend and kneel and whenever Roy or I noticed a weed, he would bend and pull it out. We have a little joke that if Roy is near a weed, it doesn't have a chance. Since I am not supposed to lift, carrying the heavy spray bottle is Roy's job, and odd as it may look, I hold the sprayer nozzle while Roy, attached by the "umbilical cord" of the sprayer bottle, carries that bottle wherever we go. In this fashion, we have been able to keep the garden and the new

plantings in the parking lot as neat as a pin. I thank Roy so much for his constant help that made this recent work possible. Helen Littleton has helped a great deal in the past doing trimming but Helen contracted Lyme's Disease from a tick bite and although improving, could use your prayers. The "ladies from Naples" have returned much to our delight-Ann and Yvonne. They have put some flowers in our pots out front and come to do some gardening chores too-weekly and some times more frequently. They deserve much thanks for all they do. Ann has had recent surgery but is there to give great moral support. Generally we are there early every Tuesday and Thursday morning until about 10:30. Any one who might like to join us is welcome.

The spring freeze and this summer's drought have played havoc with only a few of our plants. We have lost three Japanese maples and three dogwoods. I will try to replace them this late fall when the ground moistens up. Every spring, when our memorial garden looks its worst, and the zoysia looks so brown, there comes a little flap about tearing the grass up and re-planting the garden lawn. The grass was expensive when it was put in and is designed for the wickedly hot, harsh weather we are having now. It has not been watered! Water bills like that, for us, would be out of our budget. Please go down and walk on our beautiful Memorial Garden grass. That is why we have what we have. The evergreens are withstanding the weather extremes beautifully.

We are holding off on the "blighted" area to the right of the bell tower as you enter. We are

presently killing the brambles there. The planning of a meditation walk with non-maintenance plants will not be accomplished this fall as we had originally hoped, but we will wait until more monetary means are available. The memorial garden "memorial monies" for the MG Perpetual Care are carefully separated! They have not been compromised. I originally thought that my landscaping at St. Clare's was finished but I was approached by a member of the vestry and representing the vestry, asked if I could do something about the area that everybody sees when they enter our church. I have come up with a plan but this time we will have to hire some labor for a couple of days. I used to do a lot of carrying and digging myself. (I did not originate or request that this project be done.) In the meantime we will be keeping that area clear until we can begin this task. With tree roots in the bank, it is unlikely we will have erosion there. It will be waiting there until God seems to us to be saying "It's time".

We indeed can be proud of our St. Clare's in so many ways. It's a gem of a church and it's the people who make it that way. It has become a beautiful site and the Holy Spirit truly resides there. I'm sure our present crisis will be resolved. As a former teacher we are quite limited in our monthly budget but Carol and I have decided to increase our pledge temporarily and see how we can work it in. We hope you can do the same.

God's love to you all, and many blessings.

Jonathan
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Children's Corner

We have had a great summer in Sunday School with our time for arts and crafts which is a follow up of our curriculum lessons during the school year. Thanks to Ms. Helen Yost for her two Sundays with us teaching us how to weave by making "Joseph's Coats". Ms. Alice has started us on a banner made from felt squares of various Biblical persons and scenes. We look forward to hanging this for everyone to see when it is completed.

The children who receive scholarships from St. Clare's Outreach are the children who are the recipients of the back to school supplies from our Children's Sabbath Fund. Ms. Margaret reports great appreciation from the children and their parents.

Grateful thanks to Mr. Bud for his gift of a modern Madonna and Child painting that hangs over the altar in the Children's Church room. This is in memory of his mother. Please stop by and view this lovely gift.

The Children's Sunday School time is divided into two segments. At 10:30 when the processional is happening for the Holy Eucharist the children have their own procession. On our altar candles are lit by a child and another carries the cross. The children are then seated for the reading of the scripture for the day and the lesson. After this, the children will move into the activity room for arts/crafts that enrich the lesson where they need a table and

chair to spread out their work.

For the first quarter of this year the Unit is Judges and Kings, Samuel, Ruth, David, Solomon and Josiah. The children will hang their art work done for each of these lessons.

Jane Wedemeyer, Alice Duryea, Leslie Davis and B.J. Cutts welcome Amy Pollin to the teaching staff and look forward to beginning this new year of lessons with the children.



B.J. Cutts

Parish Life

This month, August, the ladies met for their luncheon at Mary Ann's restaurant in Young Harris. After, a few gals explored the A to Z Outlet. You know we wouldn't miss a chance to "shop". We plan to go to Cobb's Mill in Blairsville in September on the 19th at 11:30am.

In the few remaining months of

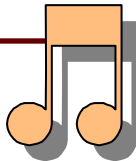
this year we might consider someone volunteering to host a luncheon at their home. We would of course, bring a dish or dessert and have a pot luck lunch.

The hostess would supply the drinks and set up for seating. These are always fun and are well attended. Let me know if you are willing to be a hostess. The coming

Sunday's will need refreshments for fellowships. The regulars might pair with one of the new parishioners getting them familiar with our kitchen setup. Remember—keep it simple so it is not a burden. Kudos to all those who helped with St. Clare's feast and the picnic barbecue.

Connie Carbone

Choir Notes



Thanks to the proceeds from the Yost Endowment for the music ministries at St. Clare's, the choir room will be undergoing some changes.

There will be a storage unit installed with room for each choir member to place their music, hymnal, prayer book and choir robe. This will keep our choir room neat

and orderly and facilitate smoother starts to rehearsals.

Thanks to all the parishioners who support the choir with their prayers, compliments and hugs. We love serving in Song.

Cindy DeFoor

Upcoming Events:

Greek Dinner

October 6th

**Evening Under the Stars
& Silent Auction**

November 3rd

Please mark your calendars !

Our new social chairperson is Jane Wedemeyer ! Please sign up for events on our new Activity Board in the Parish Hall.

Newcomer's Party



Newcomer's
Wine and
Cheese Hour

Please plan
on attending
on Friday,

September 28, 5-6pm. RSVP to
Maureen by September 26th.

Charge(not really) : one guest per
member! Honoring all new mem-
bers since January 2007. Nametags
required! All are invited, just
RSVP, please. If you would like to
bring a LIGHT hors d'oeuvre,
please notify Maureen.

Needed: Volunteers to help assem-
ble gifts for newcomers. Please
contact Maryan Pruzansky for de-
tails and schedule for the work ses-
sion at 706-745-7747.

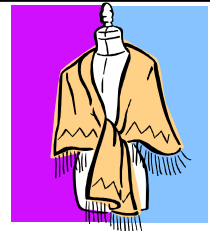
Newcomer's Committee Reminder:
Each member of St. Clare's is a
member of this committee. Don't
miss an opportunity to share your
joy with someone new to our par-
ish!

Parish Halls can be lonely places if
you are a newcomer——welcome
our new friends! Carlene Dockery

This ministry at St. Clare's has been
in existence for one year now. In

Prayer Shawl Ministry

the last twelve
months we have
given out twelve
shawls. More are
in the making
and will soon be
blessed. Those



who have received shawls have re-
ported feeling comfort and peace
which come from the prayers and
love and blessing which go into
each shawl. For more information
on this ministry, call Helen Yost at
706-745-3364 or Evie Green at
706-897-8171

Daughters of the King

Glenda Jean Tremewan brought an
exciting project to the Daughters of
the King in June. She suggested that
DOK dress reconditioned Cabbage
Patch dolls to be given to children
who are staying at the Crisis Shelter
in Blairsville. She bought a large lot
of Cabbage Patch dolls on eBay,
reconditioned them and brought
several to the meeting. Each mem-
ber present chose a doll and agreed
to return the dolls dressed and ready

for giving. When the dolls were
returned to the July meeting many
"oh's and ah's" were heard among
the members as we each had to hold
and admire the sweet new toys. The
Cabbage Patch dolls wear preemie
cloths, many had hair ribbons, one
member knitted a special little cap
for her doll, some dolls were in
sleepers, some in little dresses or
outfits and there is even a set of
twins.

Daughters of the King is a lay order
of women who meet on the second
Thursday of every month at 6pm in
the Parish Hall. Beginning in Octo-
ber the meeting time is changed to
5pm.

All women are welcome to attend.

Legacy Link

Legacy Link is a senior community
service employment program. This
agency has a grant administered to
them to give older Americans of
low income the opportunity to earn
while they train to get unsubsidized
jobs. They are searching for persons
55+ who need to earn money while

training for a job. They are also
looking for community service
sites that can utilize these people
at no cost to them. If you know
anyone that can utilize their ser-
vices, please contact Gay L. Carr
Job Developer at 706-781-5837
or contact Legacy Link at 770-
538-2650.

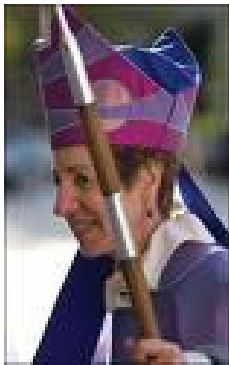
Food for the Poor

To the St. Clare Episcopal Church

Family:

Food for the Poor wishes to thank you for the
welcome you extended to Fr. Horvath on his
recent visit. On behalf of our less fortunate
brother and sisters in Latin America and the
Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in
their lives. They, and you are blessed by your
generosity.

Diocesan News:



Presiding bishop's visit outlined:

A schedule for Nov 8 visit by Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori has

been announced. She will be in Atlanta in conjunction with the concluding celebration of the diocesan centennial. Two events are planned in the afternoon at St Anne's in

Atlanta. A gathering for clergy is scheduled from 1 to 3pm and a forum for all other interested people will run from 3:30 to 5pm. Both programs are expected to include a talk by the presiding bishop followed by a question-and-answer session. Bishop Jefferts Schori also will preside at a Eucharist at 7pm at the Cathedral of St. Philip to open the 101st Council of the diocese.

All are welcome.

North Atlanta Convocation plans Sept 28 Evensong, art show to celebrate Centennial

The North Atlanta Convocation will celebrate the diocesan centennial with Evensong and an art show at 7pm Friday, September 28th, at St. Martin of the Fields, Atlanta. Art from the convocation's seven worshipping communities will be on display and for sale in the parish hall. All proceeds will be split between the ministries at Holy Comforter and Emmaus House. All people of the diocese are invited.

Global Mission Event to feature professor on mission, world religions October 6

The Rev. Dr. Richard J. Jones, Virginia Theological Seminary's professor of mission and world religions, will keynote the third annual Global Mission Event Saturday, October 6, at the Cathedral of St. Philip. Jones also has served since 2005 as president of American Friends of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, a nonprofit group committed to helping create and support links between Sudan and the U.S. Sponsored by the Diocese of Atlanta's global Mission Committee, the event is open to all interested people and is designated for members of outreach groups, Christian educators, clergy, vestry, and all who are supportive of the Millennium Development Goals.

Organ-Harpsichord Recital

A recital by Trudy Faber, acclaimed organist and harpsichordist, will be present at 11am Saturday, Sept.22 at St. Bede's Episcopal Church, 2601 Henderson Mill Rd. Atlanta 30345. The event celebrates the 10th anniversary of the completion of the St. Bede nave. Faber is a professor of music at Wittenburg University and organist at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springfield Ohio.

Admission is \$10 for an individual or entire family and \$5 for students. A light lunch and dessert reception follows.

Prayer Fr. Donn Brown used in his service while he was visiting St. Clare's

Voice of Jesus, call us when we stray.

Eyes of Jesus, look upon us when we need encouragement.

Face of Jesus, smile upon us when we need assurance.

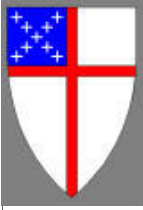
Hands of Jesus, anoint us when we grow weary.

Arms of Jesus, lift us up when we stumble.

Blood of Jesus, wash us clean when we grow soiled.

Body of Jesus, feed us when we grow hungry.

Heart of Jesus, help us love one another as you have loved us.



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Larry Jones, Treasurer

TIME	VPOD	Acolytes	Ushers	Chalicer	Sunday School	Altar Guild	Lay Eucharistic Ministers
September							
9/2/07 10:30AM	B.J. Cutts	B.J. Cutts & Ansley Dyer & Brook Allen	Ned Cahill	Sandy Bell	Jane Wedemeyer	Nancy Dell & Susan Gibson	
9/9/07 10:30AM	Buddy Anderson	Tony Dockery	Bob & Elva Hinnant	Bud Brazil	Alice Duryea	Eleanor Haller & Carolyn Brazil	Duryea to Ruth Beaver Union Cty Nursing Home
9/16/07 10:30AM	Mark Higgins	Norman Clapp	Jim & Fran Smith	Leslie Davis	Amy Pollin	Connie Carbone & Diane Anderson & Fran Smith	
9/23/07 10:30AM	Carlene Dockery	Billy Clayton	Buddy & Diane Anderson	Carol Dehler	Leslie Davis	Mary Lou Thurman & Gloria Scott	
9/30/07 10:30AM	Mary Beth Wiles	Leslie Davis	Jim Savage & Penny Duncan	Butch Duryea	B.J. Cutts	Nancy Dell & Susan Gibson	Higgins to Wishie Wyatt Brannan Lodge
October							
10/7/2007 10:30AM	B.J. Cutts	B.J. Cutts & Brook Allen & Sean Duryea	Paul & Nancy Pearson	Dick Peck	Children's Sabbath	Carolyn Brazil & Eleanor Haller	Duryea to Helen Fulford Brasstown Manor -R23
10/14/07 10:30AM	Leslie Davis	Dick Peck	Larry & Gerda Jones	Glenda Jean 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	Billy Clayton	Jonathan Sayer	Jane Wedemeyer	Amy Pollin	Nancy Dell & Susan Gibson	Higgins to Rose Frye