



TIDINGS



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Episcopal Church

October 2011

The mission of Saint Elizabeth's Church is proclaiming God's Word, celebrating God's love, and sharing God's gifts.

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Many of you know that I spent a few days this week at Camp Mikell with our bishops, the Rt. Revs. J. Neil Alexander and Keith Whitmore, and most of the parochial clergy of the diocese. Some of you also know that the topic presented by our guest, the Rev. Dr. Pat Malloy, was a response to CO76 of the past triennial, the creation of a rite for the blessing of same sex relationships.



I expect a diversity of reactions to this. I had already a diversity of reactions even before I left. I had ambivalence myself in anticipation of the conference thinking that spending the better part of two days hearing and talking about this would become tedious at best. But the fact is that what I participated in was us at our best.

Fr. Malloy is the liturgics professor at General Theological Seminary in New York City. He was asked by the chair (the Rev. Dr. Ruth Meyers) of the Standing Committee on Liturgy and Music to oversee the liturgical part of this creation. (There were also theological, pastoral, and canonical subcommittees.) How gentle, sound, thorough, and reassuring was his presentation to us.

To apply reason and beauty to prayer is among the things that Anglicanism is good at, prayer with dignity and uplift and thought, and prayer informed by Holy Scripture, and that honors a long and sacred tradition.

What this committee will give to the SCLM is all of that plus an enormous amount of careful work. I am only telling you what I experienced, and how proud I was to be part of...well...us. The quality of the work is superb, the thoughtfulness immense, the sensitivity profound. However this goes—and I suspect we will be given something like it in 2012 to consider for use—the Episcopal Church USA is simply beautiful.

Faithfully
Albert †

Stewardship campaign underway

On Sept. 25 St. Elizabeth's launched its 2012 Stewardship Campaign with a luncheon, a slide show of the church's many, many activities of service and a few remarks from Teresa Hughes. The campaign will again focus on sharing our time, talent and money for the operation of our church and its work.

The Vestry has adopted the following statement regarding this year's campaign:

Stewardship is the responsibility of parishioners in support of the mission of St. Elizabeth's and the life of our faith community. Stewardship is a joyful expression of gratitude to God, generously and intentionally given. These gifts include time, talent and money.

In gratitude for God's abundant blessings we commit to prayerfully giving back with grateful hearts.

WE INVITE and encourage each member of the parish to join us in this witness of our faith.

This year's Stewardship Committee is composed of Eric Daly, Chair; Teresa Hughes and Tom Roberts. Please feel free to speak them about any items related to the campaign.

A request will be made for pledges to be turned in on Oct. 9, with a final date of Nov. 6 so that the budget can be prepared for 2012.

Taizé offers meditative service Oct. 9

St. Elizabeth's Taizé services, which have seen ongoing improvements in format over the past few years, have moved up a level figuratively and literally. The service is now being held in the sanctuary, where our new arrangement of seating and altar allows for the kind of intimacy that works best for this contemplative, meditative service.

The final Taizé service of 2011 will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. The non-denominational service is characterized by simple chants sung repeatedly, music, rich silence, scriptural readings, and meditation and prayers. The altar, adorned with candles, live plants and a cross, is a focal point for meditation.

Taizé music is especially beautiful. Instrumental accompaniment, directed by Fran Dimick, will be provided by Charles Absher, Eric Daly and Fr. Albert on guitars, Fran Dimick on piano, Melissa Lach on flute and Margo Booth on fiddle. Paul Dimick, Warren Johnson, Robbie Niles and Jorgene West will lead the vocals.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 2
3 p.m.
in the parking lot

The miracle of monarchs

Story & photos by Rosalie Jensen



A MIGRATION MYSTERY

This is the time of year when God's small, beautiful, fragile-looking Monarch butterflies make one of the most arduous migrations on earth. Through wind and rain these stalwart flyers travel from southern Canada and the United States to reach a warmer habitat in the winter. Hungry predators threaten these dauntless travelers as they seek safe resting places and food sources along their journey.

As far as we know, the Monarch is the long distance champion of all insect migrants in the world. Most Monarchs that live east of the Rocky Mountains spend the winter in mountain fir forests west of Mexico City. From the northern edge of their Canadian summer range they may fly 3,000 miles to reach their roosting perches in Mexico. These amazing migrants can fly up to 20 mph and reach heights of 10,000 feet.

In September and October millions of Monarchs are on the wing. Since they are unable to fly at temperatures below 55 degrees F they must leave their summer homes in the north and begin their difficult journey before cold weather arrives. In most years flocks are expected over Georgia between the last week of September and the second week of October. One fall excited Lumpkin County Middle School students saw a flock flying over the school parking lot.

Scientists are earnestly studying the behavior of these amazing creatures that use instinct alone to go to the same location their ancestors vacated the previous spring. In most mass migrations some of the participants are experienced travelers who have been to their destination in past years. Yet none of the butterflies in this migration has ever flown on the anticipated routes or seen the place where they will spend the winter.

In addition to the Monarchs that travel to Mexico for the winter, West Coast relatives spend the winter in Southern California and some East Coast relatives make their journey to Southern Florida. To view a map of the major Monarch routes as well as find other valuable information about creating a butterfly friendly habitat, visit the website www.monarchwatch.org.

HELPING MONARCHS SURVIVE

Migrants are not the only Monarchs that we have in North Georgia. Our resident Monarchs will join the flight to Mexico as participants land in our area to refresh and refuel. They will benefit during the warm spring and summer months from habitats that you establish to aid the fall migrants.

Like all butterflies, Monarchs need sun, shelter for caterpillars (larva) and adults, food for caterpillars, and nectar for adults. Unlike some species Monarchs don't need special water or fruit feeding stations. In making your own garden or landscape plans you can invite our flying friends to your property by having a variety of colorful sun-loving plants near potential shelter created by shrubs, trees, rock piles, and wooden structures. Be sure to avoid insecticides and other chemicals harmful to friendly pollinators such as butterflies and bees.

Each butterfly species only lays eggs on certain plants, called host plants, the leaves of which its caterpillars are able to digest. Monarchs only lay eggs on types of Milkweed (*Asclepias* spp). Not only do caterpillars obtain food from milkweeds, they also absorb a toxin that is harmless to them but very distasteful to predators. Once ingested by a caterpillar it will remain with the adult butterfly.

Our native Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*) is one of the plants on which Monarchs lay eggs. There are over twenty varieties of milkweed in Georgia, but most are confined to certain parts of the state and many are rare even in their range. To view pictures and read descriptions of members of the milkweed family in Georgia go to www.monarchsacrssga.org. There you will find the heading Pollinator Garden that will take you to Educational Resources, including Milkweeds of Georgia Field Guide.

To attract Monarchs and other butterflies to your garden in September and October you need flowers that bloom in the late summer. Some of the favorites in our garden over the years have been native plants such as *Ageratum* and various *Asters* as well as cultivated plants like *Buddleia*, or Butterfly Bush, and *Sedum "Brilliant,"* a close relative of *Sedum "Autumn Joy."* Being opportunists, however, they will go to whatever blooms provide the nectar necessary for continuing their flight.

Once you have provided a stop-over for our flying friends, relax and enjoy the rewards of having helped one of the wonderful creatures of God's natural world.





Men's Club/ECW Meeting

NGCSU president to speak at breakfast

Dr. Bonita Jacobs, first woman president of NGCSU, will be our guest at a joint breakfast meeting of the Men's Club and the ECW at 9 a.m. Oct. 8. All church members are encouraged to attend the program arranged by NGCSU grad Charlie King. The meeting was rescheduled from a previous date when Jacobs was unexpectedly called out of town.

Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend to allow planning for breakfast food. Food and setup are being handled by ECW (contact Linda Bunting) and clean up will be handled by the Men's Club (contact John Ackermann).

Stewardship reflections

St. Elizabeth's has history of involvement

by Tom Roberts



During the past 25 years, I have been on several vestries at St. Elizabeth's, and, along with Dave Bammer, was Church Treasurer for many of those years. In addition to the annual effort to achieve a balanced operating budget, many years included both local and world disasters, and special fund raisers to facilitate our growth or enhance our service: constructing our church home, paying off the mortgage, installing stained glass windows, the Tinai Water Project, etc. The people of St. Elizabeth's have always been, and continue to be, so very generous in support of humanitarian needs, and of funding the operation of our church.

Our church family stewardship has also extended far beyond providing the finances necessary the operation of our church and for special causes. A former Senior Warden, Tom Papst, once pointed out at an annual meeting that, in most churches and other "volunteer" type organizations, 80% of the work is done by 20% of the people - but, he had found that at St. Elizabeth's over 80% of the people give their time and talents, as well as their financial resources, by participating in the Choir, by being an Usher, a member of the Altar Guild, a Lay Reader, Chalice Bearer, Crucifer, Acolyte, office volunteer, Sunday School Teacher, and on and on. A quick survey of our church roster would indicate that, of those that attend church regularly, the stewardship of time and talent has not diminished over the years.

Our Vestry is about to complete the budget preparation process, and they are hopeful that we will be able to have a balanced budget for 2012. A critical part of that process is, of course, matching the anticipated pledge and plate income to the desired and requested expenditures. We want to continue to support the many worthwhile and needy community organizations for which we pray each week, to maintain our beautiful facility, and to appropriately fund our valued staff: our rector, his Administrative Assistant, and our Church Organist and Choir Master. As we consider our part in this process, and 100% of us have a part, please be generous in your financial stewardship, and continue to be involved in our church in whatever way you can.



Yes, they really can spell!

They are the Bumpkins from St. Elizabeth's— Emile Foisy, Wilma Bammer, and Susan Richtarcik, and they were the 2nd place finishers in the 2011 Literacy Coalition's Spelling Bee recently. Not only were they able to spell some very difficult words at the annual fundraiser, but they placed 2nd (just behind, as Wilma says, a group of professionals) for the audience's favorite team.

Dave Bammer, proud winner of a raffle at the event, took a \$500 gas grill package (complete with griddle, pizza stone, wok, and more) home with him. He is pictured with Litton deJarnette representing the Literacy Coalition Board of Directors.



Dream Spirituality Group resumes

by Annette Lowe Barber

As of this writing we have five people who have reserved a spot in the Saint Elizabeth's Dream Group which will begin on Oct. 5. The group will be limited to no more than eight participants, so the time to reserve your space is now!

If you are new to Dream Work, please read Dr. Jeremy Taylor's book, *Where People Fly and Water Runs Uphill*. Please also view the Saint Elizabeth's Dream Booklet which you may access from our web site, www.stelizabethepiscopal.com, by clicking on the button "Dream Spirituality Booklet." (If you can not access the booklet via computer, please let me know and one will be printed for you.)

Unlike in previous dream seminars, we will not be having a book study component. Instead we will discuss several articles or readings that will be provided. Participants will be asked to keep a dream journal and bring it to the group meetings. The meeting format will be discussion of readings, sharing dreams, and learning to reflect on dreams in a theological/spiritual framework.

Dream work includes absolute adherence to confidentiality, intentional and reverent listening to others as well as sharing, so it is not for everyone. If you have questions or would like to learn more about dream work, please contact me by email annette@stelizabethepiscopal.com or by phone (706-864-5423) to make an appointment to discuss the process of dream work and have your questions answered.

The group will meet in the Parish Hall adult meeting room beginning at 1 p.m. for approximately two hours each Wednesday through December 7, with the exception of Thanksgiving week, Nov. 23.

"We are Three"

*I am part of the load
Not rightly balanced
I drop off in the grass,
like the old Cave-sleepers, to browse
wherever I fall.*

*For hundreds of thousands of years I
have been dust-grains
floating and flying in the will of the air,
often forgetting ever being
in that state, but in sleep
I migrate back. I spring loose
from the four-branched, time-and-
space cross,
this waiting room.*

*I walk into a huge pasture
I nurse the milk of millennia*

*Everyone does this in different ways.
Knowing that conscious decisions
and personal memory
are much too small a place to live,
every human being streams at night
into the loving nowhere, or during the
day,
in some absorbing work.*

Rumi

A night on the town— actually, the campus— in support of the CHP

The Gold Party raised \$50,000 for the Community Helping Place's extensive service programs, and St. Elizabeth's was represented by three tables full of dinner guests and many donations towards the silent auction. This annual event is a major fundraiser for the CHP which is always well supported by our members. This year's event was held in the new NGCSU dining facility.



Tinai Water Project Update

Progress continues but plagued by pipe delays, return visit October 4

by Tom Roberts

The Tinai Water Project continues to move toward completion. The area of Dodoma and Tinai Village continue to be suffering from a drought, and as a result, many of the hydro-generating power plants have been operating on a limited schedule. Since most of the villages, including Tinai, do not have power available, this hasn't been a problem. In the bigger cities, including where the pipe is manufactured that has been ordered for our project, the power outages have interrupted production at several plants, and, as of the last time (3 weeks ago) that I was able to communicate with our contractor, Fr. Tim, the delay in receiving pipe has slowed progress on our water project.

The good news is that the elevated tank has been completed as has the refurbishing of the Pump House and Cattle Trough. The pump, engine, and generator are in hand, and the villagers have been able to completely dig the meter-deep, 7200 feet long trench. As soon as the pipe arrives on site, Fr. Tim should be able to complete the project, and the villagers may begin using the system. If the pipe is delayed, the plan is to make the system functional at the well (which is 1-1/4 miles from the village and tank), so that the villagers will be able to have a distribution point closer than the next village, some 5.4 miles away.

My friend, Tom Bell, and I are booked to leave for Tanzania on Oct. 4 and return on Oct. 12. We hope to be able to review the completed system and the operating, maintenance, and security system agreed to with the villagers, and of course to take several photos to show after we return.

We ask your prayers for our safe travel.



The old well tank and the newly-constructed water tank



Cattle trough—new and old!

Warren Johnson publishes wine guide

When Warren Johnson moved to Dahlenega from Oregon a year ago, he discovered that Georgia had its own wine industry. So, living right in the middle of North Georgia wine country, he decided to buy a book and read about the wineries.

But, said Warren, he could find no such book. Not a problem—he would write one. He has been involved in the world of wine for twenty years with a major interest in the literature of wine.

Now that "Georgia's Wineries and Vineyards: A Wine Lover's Guide" is a reality and is near being sold out of its first printing, Warren is looking toward an updated second edition and a more serious marketing effort.

The full-color, 73-page softcover book describes 31 Georgia wineries. The book is laid out geographically with hours of operation, maps and driving directions for each winery. Also included are a short history of Georgia wine and a list of commercial vineyards.

The book sells for \$17.99 plus tax. You can purchase the book online at www.ALittleLocalColor.com, or tap Warren on the shoulder sometime after church.



Art sales raising funds for youth

If you have noticed that some of the photos and paintings in the fellowship hall "art gallery" have begun to disappear, it is because many of them have been purchased by our members.

Artists are donating 20% of the sale price of the items to assist with scholarships for camp and other youth activities.

If you have your eye on a piece, you might want to snatch it up!

Sunday School Report

Great teachers, great program

by Fr. Albert

Our children and youth are greeted each Sunday morning by prepared, welcoming, enthusiastic mentors. They gather in the activity room, and when ready process into the chapel. In the chapel a Bible story is told that is related to one of the three appointed lessons of the week; the prayer that is offered upstairs is used to open in the chapel. There is instruction in the liturgy. The participants are asked to offer prayers and thanksgivings, and each week they do. Warren participates by leading the music aspect of this worship with one hymn sung each week and the teaching of others.

When this portion of the morning is complete they return with the teachers to the activity room where the teachers have prepared an activity that is a response to the lesson, or for further instruction on, for example, Tinai. This year the teachers are introducing the ministry of the Church of the Common Ground that celebrates Eucharist in Woodruff Park in Atlanta and in other ways ministers to the homeless. The teachers are Mellisa Lach, Jackie Peabody, Kathryn James, John Lilac, Mollye Farmer and Pat Daviou, and I serve as the storyteller. We make use of the altar crafted by Jim Ritch. We light candles and talk about the use of flowers and colors.

Adults are welcome as long as they follow one rule: do not speak unless a question is addressed specifically to them.

A quick & easy recipe for being a coffee host!

The Refreshments Committee is again asking for church members to step forward and help lighten the load for those who take a regular turn. Simple calculations reveal that if every family did so, we could all actually take a turn no more than once a year. As it currently stands, committee members are being scheduled every 6-8 weeks.

To help you in making a decision about your ability to help with refreshments, the duties of a refreshment host are detailed here.

Please see Robbie Niles if you are willing to volunteer or have questions.

AHEAD OF TIME:

- Purchase about 3 packages of cookies.
- Purchase 1-2 bottles of juice.

THE DAY OF:

Before the service

- Arrive at church 20 minutes early.
- Prepare one large pot of coffee and one small pot (instructions posted, training available).
- Put out cups, glasses, sugar & cream, napkins, etc.
- Put cookies on serving plate.

During/after coffee hour

- Monitor serving table.
- Load/run dishwasher.
- Empty trash.



Wilkins shares Lumpkin stories with Men's Club



Bryson Wilkins, native Lumpkin Countian, local historian and storyteller entertained the Men's club recently with stories of the old days in Lumpkin County—personal stories about growing up here as well as about the county itself. Above, John Ackermann and Rick Wherry chat with Wilkins after the presentation. At right Dave Bammer and John Barber take a look at some of the memorabilia Wilkins brought with him.



ADVENT WREATH ALERT

One activity that our youth will be involved in is the preparation and sale of Advent Wreaths. The proceeds from these wreaths will go to support programs of the Church of the Common Ground.

Please look for details at the Lemonade stand.

Couponing—more than meets the eye!



Susan Richtarcik, Stephanie Zaversnik-Whitmer and Stephanie Bromaghim teamed up recently to present an enthusiastic program on Couponing for the ECW. Couponing is serious business for these ladies who know all the ins and outs of using coupons, all the websites and publications for locating them and all the tips and tricks for managing and organizing them. Above, Susan is sharing a little about her personal system.

grace notes

by Warren R. Johnson, Organist-Choirmaster

By way of introduction



Many of you know me personally, but most of you probably don't know much about me. As your newest staff member, I would like to introduce myself.

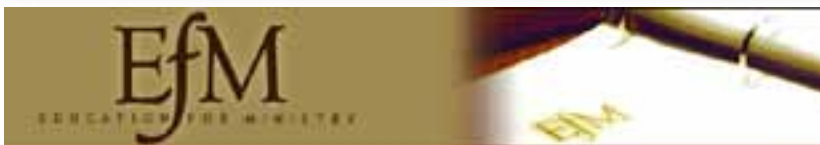
I grew up as an American Baptist (the old Northern Baptist, the liberal wing) in Southern Minnesota, the third generation in my local church. I graduated from St. Olaf College in church music and then went on to Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree, with a minor in church music. Subsequently, I returned to my home church and was ordained a minister.

I then began my career as a minister of music, serving six denominations on both East and West coasts, from country church to cathedral. I became an Episcopalian thirty years ago. Along the way, I completed a Master of Sacred Music degree at Boston University School of Theology and did further studies in music and liturgy at Eastman School of Music, the Haarlem (Holland) Organ Course, St. John's University (Minnesota), and Church Divinity School of the Pacific. I've also pursued studies in other subjects.

Often, I've worked second jobs in the fields of medical research (University of California), social services and education. I have been a book dealer for twenty years, having had stores and internet businesses, and I still continue to keep my hand in that endeavor. I recently published the book *Georgia's Wineries and Vineyards: A Wine Lover's Guide*.

I moved to Georgia one year ago, having asked God to take me somewhere where I could do ministry. I'm very happy to have landed in Dahlenega and at St. Elizabeth's. Locally, I'm enrolled in our EFM program and a member of the University Singers. I'm currently participating in the Leadership Program for Musicians (Episcopal and ELCA) and I hold active memberships in the American Guild of Organists and the Royal School of Church Music.

I am absolutely overjoyed to become your new Organist-Choirmaster and look forward to working with all of you. Soli Deo Gloria!



EFM class open for enrollment

by Annette Lowe Barber

Our Book of Common Prayer (p.855/6) defines "The Ministry." Under this definition, by far the largest number of ministers of the church are the laity. The catechism goes on to state that the ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church and to bear witness according to the gifts given them to carry on Christ's work in the world. The purpose of Education for Ministry is to equip LAY ministers with knowledge, discernment of the Word and to strengthen individual interpretations of individual calls to serve the community of faith and the larger community in which we live.

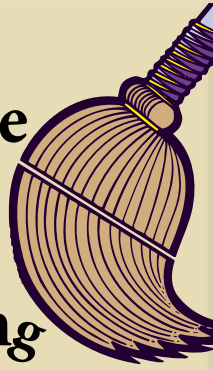
The EFM study developed and sponsored by the University of the South School of Theology is divided into four years which are committed to one year at a time. (Cost for study materials and participation for one year is \$350. Fees for beginning the 2012 year will be due in October 2011, payable via personal check or with a VISA or MasterCard).

The first year is a study of the Old Testament, the second year is devoted to the New Testament, year three is church history and year four is devoted to developing personal theology. During the year study is enhanced by exercises for learning to think theologically to answer God's call or, put another way, to view the world and one's place in it through the lens of scripture, tradition, culture and one's own life challenges to answer the Gospel call to service.

Florence Roberts, a current EFM student, writes: "In church services, I find myself thinking beyond the words of the scripture readings to their history and application to our lives today."

The current EFM group meets on Tuesday mornings in the Parish Hall for approximately two hours (from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.). In 2012 the group will begin January 10 and go through the end of May and will resume in the fall (September through December). The group is mentored by Albert and me. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me, annette@stelizabethepiscopal.com, or at the church office for more information and to find out if this study would be right for you.

Sparkle day is coming



It's a month away but it's not too early to get it on your calendar. The fall Sparkle Day will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 29.

Volunteers will be needed to do a general cleanup of the church. There will be a variety of projects indoors, outside the building, and around the grounds.

Emile Foisy, Building and Grounds committee chair, suggests bringing a few vacuum cleaners and general cleaning supplies for the inside (rags, sponges, scotch brite, 409 cleaner, furniture cleaner, paper towels, etc.). There are a couple of lawn mowers Emile would like to get up and running, so if you are handy at small engine repair please let him know.

It's really a lot of fun to socialize while you're working, so come join your fellow parishioners and let's spruce up our building.

St. Elizabeth's honors Nancy, bids her a fond farewell



Organist and choir director Nancy McClary was honored after the service on Sept. 11. Nancy's husband Mitch suffered a stroke recently and the couple has decided to return to Florida where they can help Nancy's sister care for their mother. Tim Singleton represented the choir in thanking Nancy for her years of service to St. Elizabeths. Parishioner Warren Johnson has been named the new Organist/Choir Master.

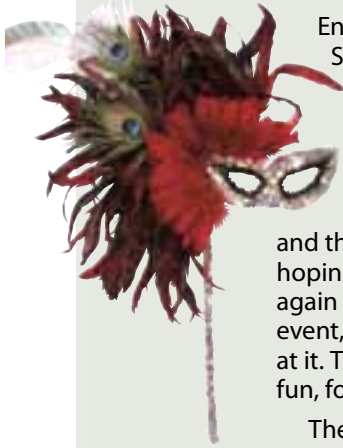
Offer them fried chicken and they will come!

The fare included fried chicken, biscuits, green beans, fried okra and two kinds of potatoes at Buttermilk, a new establishment on Oak Grove Road that hosted a recent Fifth Theology gathering. As the picture shows, turnout was great and St. Elizabeth's filled the small restaurant



CASA holds annual masquerade fundraising event Oct. 28

by Dyann Beaty, CASA Advocate Coordinator



Enotah CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will hold its third annual Masquerade fundraiser Friday, Oct. 28, from 7-10 p.m. at The Dahlongega Marketplace on the Dahlongega Square.

The last two years have been great and this year we are in a new venue. We're hoping to see lots of new faces. Our goal again this year will be to host an 'unstuffy' event, and I think we're getting very good at it. This year's event will be a great night of fun, food, and entertainment.

There will be food, music, a roving magician, a fortune teller and many great silent auction items. There will also be a raffle for a free week at the beach and a chocolate tasting by Paul Thomas Chocolates!

Remember it's a masquerade (think Phantom of the Opera), not a Halloween Party so no dead brides or chainsaw

murderers. Do come dressed in your party clothes (not necessarily formal, but that's all right too) and feel free to wear a masquerade mask or not.

No matter how you do it, this night promises to be memorable! Buy your tickets early and remember **ABSOLUTELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!** Tickets are available online at www.enotahcasa.org or by phone at 706-864-0300. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. Tickets are limited and when they're gone--they're gone.

The mission of CASA is to advocate for safe, permanent homes for abused and neglected children. CASA provides trained volunteer advocates for children living in foster care throughout the Enotah Judicial Circuit—Lumpkin, Union, Towns and White counties.

CASA receives regular budgeted financial support from St. Elizabeth's and also has received special funds from the ECW. CASA volunteers need your support. Please come and "Party with a Purpose" for the abused and neglected children of the Enotah Judicial Circuit.

NOA'S CHILI COOK OFF

Enter your best chili or just show up for food and fun

Mark your calendar for the 6th Annual Chili Halloween Cook-Off which benefits NOA (No One Alone). It will take place at Hancock Park from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 29, rain or shine. There will be all you can eat, prizes for chili and barbecue, live music, and new this year, a beer garden.

Admission price, which includes chili tasting, cornbread, a drink and dessert, is \$10, and children under 10 are admitted free with a paid adult. Tasters get to do the voting for the awards. (Beer is extra.) Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the gate.

Cooks' fee to enter is \$25 per group with Friday, Oct. 21, being the deadline for entries. Checks for entries, payable to NOA and accompanying a completed application form, can be mailed to the organization at P. O. Box 685, Dahlongega, Ga. 30533. First, second and third place awards will be presented in the Chili Group, there will be Tasters Choice recognition in the Barbecue group, and a Best Professional Chili. A copy of the application form including the rules can be found at www.noonealone.org/. More information about the event can be obtained by calling Nicole Alvarez at 706-864-1306 Ext. 6 or emailing noaoutreach@yahoo.com.

All proceeds from the event will go to NOA, a local organization addressing the issue of domestic violence in our community and one of the many local organizations served by St. Elizabeth's outreach program.



CHP ornament available

The limited edition CHP official Christmas in Dahlongega Collector's Ornament 2011 is now available for purchase. The church has a few left, and payment (\$20 each) should be given to Annette for proper posting. They are also available at The Fudge Factory, North Georgia Continuing Education and the Community Helping Place Thrift Shop on Hwy. 19N. Proceeds benefit The Community Helping Place.

Recognized by the City of Dahlongega and the County of Lumpkin to be the official ornament, this year's Community Helping Place ornament depicts the Historic Holly Theater.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK CLUB WILL MEET OCT. 10

The book for September-October is: *Voices From the Trail of Tears*, by Vicki Rozema (editor). Copies will be available soon at the Lumpkin County Library. Our next meeting will be Oc. 10, at 6 p.m. at Gustavo's on the Square. *John Ackermann*

VIRTUAL SHOWER FOR OUR NURSERY:

Our nursery is in need of pack & play sized sheets, diapers in all sizes, baby wipes and receiving blankets. Donations gratefully accepted. *Susan Richtarcik and Rita Channell*

CANDLER SINGERS IN TOWN IN NOVEMBER

The Candler Singers directed by The Reverend Barbara Day Miller, who lives in Atlanta but spends a lot of time in Dahlonega and worships with us often, will perform at the Dahlonega United Methodist Church on Saturday, November 12, at 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendars. More information will follow.

CRAFT WORKSHOP OCT. 14-16 AT MIKELL

An Autumn Craft Workshop will be offered Oct. 14-16 at Mikell Camp and Conference Center, Toccoa, by the Mikell Folk School. Stained glass, weaving, woodturning, pottery, or copper enameling will be offered. For more information and a registration form see mikellfolkschool.com or contact Melanie Struble, 706-886-7575.

5TH THEOLOGY

Fifth Theology continues to meet on Thursdays at 6 p.m. at Shenanigan's. Watch for the question of the week in the Thursday email (and earlier emails too), do your research, and join the fellowship.

CHP FOOD PANTRY

Please remember to pick up items for the Food Pantry when you are shopping. Please check the weekly Thursday email update for current pantry needs. Thank you for your support. *Suzanne Ryerson*

ALUMINUM PULL TABS

St. Elizabeth's collects aluminum can pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The house is used to temporarily house families of children being treated for cancer or other serious illness at medical facilities. Please save your drink can tabs and drop them in the basket in the foyer.

YOGA AT ST. ELIZABETH'S

Beginner level Yoga classes are offered at St. Elizabeth's at 9:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays at a cost of \$60 for a series of 12 classes. The instructor is Paula Bingham, pyb3644@windstream.net, 706-864-2851. Parish contact: *Bonnie Hunt*

TAI CHI

Tai Chi is a gentle workout for the mind and body. Tai Chi improves flexibility, reduces stress, improves the immune system, controls arthritic pain, promotes cardiovascular fitness, helps one to lose weight, and improves balance. Find out what it can do for your happiness and health. We meet at Boyd Hall on Tuesdays at 8 a.m., Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. *Lloyd Cupp*

Discussions scheduled for Sunday mornings

We will follow up on Fr. Bill Combs presentation Sept. 18 as we continue a directed discussion on worship. This Sunday following fellowship in the hall Fr. Albert will lead a discussion on what makes a rite Anglican and outline the shape of what our Eucharistic liturgy is.

On Oct. 9 Warren Johnson will talk about the use of music in worship: psalms, canticles, hymns, preludes, postludes. He will explain why we sing what we sing and perhaps talk a bit about the nature of music explicitly as an Anglican expression. Bring questions; there are some.

On October 16 Walton Peabody will discuss how we express our faith in worship.

On October 23 the topic will be origins of Christian worship.

On October 30 we will make use of the Instructed Eucharist as prepared by Don Hunt. The commentary will be an adjunct to our worship and will not alter it or interfere with it.

The point of all of this is understanding so please come prepared to ask and listen.

IN OUR MAILBOX

A LETTER FROM JIM WALSH

Jim has written a long letter to the people of St. Elizabeth's to let them know what he has been doing for the past several years.

He is now settled in Acton, Mass., about 20 minutes from Boston, where he is a staff consultant with Jobs for America's Graduates and where Seth is a high school senior.

Jim ends his letter with this statement:

"I will always hold a special place in my heart for all of you at Saint Elizabeth's. I have yet to find another church with the warmth and spirit I enjoyed there. If any of you ever travel to Boston, I would be thrilled to see you.

To read the entire letter, click [HERE](#). If you are reading this on paper, log on to www.stelizabethepiscopal.com, open the current Tidings issue, and go to page 13.

FROM EMMAUS HOUSE

Dear Albert,

Thank you for your recent gift to Emmaus House.

Emmaus House provides over two dozen programs of assistance, education and advocacy year 'round. Our staff of eight, our volunteers and the neighbors with whom we serve are deeply grateful for your sustaining generosity.

If you would like to learn more about Emmaus House and the many different ways to support our work, please visit us online or "like" us on Facebook.

Yours faithfully,

The Rev. E. Claiborne Jones, Director and Vicar

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - AUGUST 2011

	Actual YTD	Budget YTD
Operating Accounts		
Plate Receipts	\$ 7,641	\$ 6,667
Pledge Receipts	97,393	95,049
Interest	3	**664
Total Income	<u>\$ 105,037</u>	<u>\$ 102,380</u>
Total Expense	<u>\$ 95,574</u>	<u>\$ 108,373</u>
Difference	<u>\$ 9,463</u>	<u>\$ (5,993)</u>

* Preliminary ACS numbers ** Interest not yet recorded

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

OCTOBER 2

READERS: Emile F/Margo B
CHALICE BEARERS: Janet B & Lloyd C
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Tom Roberts
CRUCIFER: Melissa Lach
SERVER: Myia Lilac
ACOLYTES: Angie J & Will L
USHERS: Mac & Sharon McWhorter
GREETERS: Dave & Wilma Bammer
ALTAR GUILD: Pat H & Teresa H
FLOWER GUILD: Donna Wright
REFRESHMENTS: Bill H & Pat D
BREAD MINISTRY: Susan Ory
LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS: Mollye F
TELLERS: Molly C & Chris C
VESTRY OF THE DAY: Wilma Bammer

OCTOBER 30

READERS: John B/Margo B
CHALICE BEARERS: Martha & Tom R
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Lloyd Cupp
CRUCIFER: Myia Lilac
SERVER: Melissa Lach
ACOLYTES: Will L/Angie J/Caleb C
USHERS: Emile & Sandi F
GREETERS: Chris & Stella C
ALTAR GUILD: Cathy R & Helen L
FLOWER GUILD: Jorgene West
REFRESHMENTS: Jackie P/Robbie N
BREAD MINISTRY: Judy Ford
LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS: Betty G/Annette B
TELLERS: Tom R/Dave B
VESTRY OF THE DAY: Martha Roberts

FOOD PANTRY FRIDAY SCHEDULE

Oct. 7 Frank & Trina Pellegrino, S. Ryerson
 Oct. 14 Buzz & April Comstock
 Oct. 21 Martha Roberts, Pat Daviou
 Oct. 28 Connie Monroe, Eris Floyd
 Nov 4 Frank & Trini Pellegrino, Lloyd Cupp
 Nov 11 Buzz & April Comstock

ANNIVERSARIES

October 8 - Janet & Chet Barger

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Ben Wallace
 3 Brett Barger
 11 Robert Suhoza
 15 Chris Greene
 19 Jackie Peabody
 25 Wilma Bammer
 28 Marilou Kinney

Known Birthdays & Anniversaries.

*We endeavor to make sure all information is correct in our parish data base. If your information is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office.
 Annette Barber*

**OCTOBER TIDINGS DEADLINE:
 WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26**

OCTOBER 9

Betty G/Pat H
 Mollye F/Marjorie G
 Robert Wright
 Myia Lilac
 Angie Joaquim
 Will L/Caleb C
 Will M/Jocelyn J
 Rick & Susan R
 Sharon & Mac M
 Bonnie Hunt
 Susan Ory
 Jackie Peabody
 Betty G/Molly C
 Lloyd C/Larry C
 Teresa Hughes

NOVEMBER 6

Emile F/Annette B
 Deborah S/Robert W
 Marjorie Garner
 Angie Joaquim
 Will Maybach
 Will L/Myia L/Caleb C
 Bill H/Charlie K
 Dave & Wilma B
 Pat H/Teresa H
 Donna Wright
 Margo & Jimmy B
 Susan Ory
 Martha R/Mollye F
 Judy F/Chris C
 Emile Foisy

OCTOBER 2, 3 P.M. BLESSING OF ANIMALS

READER:
 Margo Booth

SERVER
 Mollye Farmer

ACOLYTE
 Caleb Childs

VESTRY OF THE DAY
 Wilma Bammer

NOTICE

*TO ALL WHO SERVE ON SUNDAYS:
 If you switch with someone, whenever possible please email the office (annette@stelizabethepiscopal.com) so Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD), can check off participants in the service on Sunday morning!*

OCTOBER 16

Marjorie G/Teresa H
 Bill L/Jackie P
 Wilma Bammer
 Will Maybach
 Angie Joaquim
 Will L/Myia L/Caleb C
 Charlie K/Mollye F
 Robert & Donna W
 Bill & Carol M
 Cathy Ritch
 Mike & Linda B
 Susan Richtarcik
 Martha R/Annette B
 Alex G/Deborah S
 Rick Wherry

OCTOBER 23

Rosalie J/Jackie P
 Betty G/Marjorie G
 Jane Barger
 Mollye Farmer
 Angie Joaquim
 Will L/Myia L/Caleb C
 Alex G/Dave B
 Alex & Marjorie G
 Melissa L/Jackie P
 Robbie N
 TBA/Open
 John Eke
 Mollye F/Molly C
 Pat H/Mac M
 Eric Daly

CALENDAR

Note: *The following have regular meeting times, and only changes are included in the calendar below:*

SUN 9 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (nursery open)
 11:00 Coffee, followed by adult discussion
 TUE 11 a.m. EFM
 WED 10 a.m. Piecemakers
 10 a.m. Men's Only Bible Study (MOBS)
 1 p.m. Dream Group
 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice
 THU 6 p.m. 5th Theology, Shenanigan's Irish Pub

OCTOBER

1 DOK, 10 a.m.
 2 Blessing of the Animals, 3 p.m.
 5 Dream Group resumes, 1 p.m.
 6 Tabitha
 8 Men's Club/ECW rescheduled, 9 a.m.
 9 Finance committee after church
 Taizé service, 6 p.m.
 10 Book Club, 6 p.m., Gustavo's
 12 Executive Committee noon
 16 Vestry Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
 26 Tidings deadline
 28 CASA Masquerade
 29 Sparkle Day
 29 NOA Chili Cook Off, Hancock Park, 11-3

NOVEMBER

6 Daylight Savings Time ends
 Deadline for pledges

CONTACTS

ACOLYTES: Will Maybach
ALTAR GUILD: Helen Long
SERVERS & CHALICE BEARERS: Fr. Albert
BREAD MINISTRY: Judy Ford
USHERS: Bill Hartman
CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Marilou Kinney
DAUGHTERS OF THE KING: Susan Ory
REFRESHMENTS: Robbie Niles
EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN: Linda Bunting
MEN'S CLUB: John Ackermann
PIECEMAKERS: Susan Ory
HOLY SPIRIT FARM PROJECT: Ben Wallace
OUTREACH: Teresa Hughes

If you missed the picnic, you missed the fun . . . and the dawgs!



Even though he is really a professional, Larry Channell received the picnic's the Pulled Pork Champ award for 2011. This prize-judging, prize-winning barbecue master treats St. Elizabeth's to his specialty each year.

On a beautiful fall-like afternoon, Alice Moore, Robbie Niles and Gail Grimes fill their plates at St. Elizabeth's annual outing at the farm of Bonnie and Don Hunt. A new item has been added to the traditional St. Elizabeth's picnic fare. Albert and Pat Daviou's "Da's Dawgs" were very popular, and their creators were awarded the 2011 Tube Steak Champ Award presented by Vestry representative Rick Wherry. The deep fried dogs came in two versions—the "fore" minute dawg and the "deep fried 'til black and cracked" dawg—and in three varieties: corn dawg, slaw dawg and naked-dawg with peperoncini. (Special orders were not allowed.)

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Dear Friends,

I'm sorry it has taken so long to write, but life sure got in the way. I think of you all often and have tremendous memories of my days at St Elizabeth's.

After a few years of employment turmoil, living in the Athens area, we have just completed a big move to Acton, Massachusetts. I am thrilled to be so close to my parents and other family.

One week before we were scheduled to move, my mother suffered the spontaneous failure of her hip prosthesis. Following an eight-hour surgery where the prosthesis, and half of her femur, were both replaced, she went through several months of rehabilitation. I was able to assist my father in providing for her care and needs during this time. It was a great feeling to be able to assist them both at such a time. It also served to re-enforce my decision to make the move.

We spent the summer at our family home on Cape Cod. My sister's family was there as well. It was cathartic to have such a long period with my family after nearly two decades living away. My two brothers visited with their families as well. My brother, Seth and I even got to do some scuba diving. Seth got his first summer job and worked at CVS as a cashier. He matured so much over the summer, learning budgeting and increasing his patience level.

Before the Massachusetts schools let out for the summer (1 month after Georgia), Seth and I visited 14 school districts I had pre-screened. Seth liked the atmosphere at all but one. I then spent some time scouting neighborhoods and homes, before finding a great condo in Acton, about 20 minutes from Boston. CNN/Fortune/Money list Acton as the 16th best place to live in the country. So far I've been incredibly impressed with the school system.

Seth is adjusting well to the relocation, his first time living outside Georgia. He is a senior at Acton-Boxborough High School and is excited about finishing this summer. His goals have shifted from simply getting through high school, to attending college. Just one of the lessons learned working as a cashier this summer. He is considering something with art and music for a career and we are beginning the process of visiting schools.

I have accepted a staff consultant position with Jobs for America's Graduates at their Massachusetts (Bay State) division. It's a national dropout prevention/career development program. I am doing a variety of capacity development work, in the hope of expanding the area served and services provided. I think I will enjoy working with a population that is a bit less intense than what I did in Suches.

I will always hold a special place in my heart for all of you at Saint Elizabeth's. I have yet to find another church with the warmth and spirit I enjoyed there. If any of you ever travel to Boston, I would be thrilled to see you.

With love,
Jim Walsh

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