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Annual Parish Meeting

CCA's annual Parish Meeting will take place at **11 AM on Sunday, February 25th**, following one joint service of worship at 9:30 AM. Vestry elections will be held and updates given on our new parish vision. ***There will be no 8 AM service that morning.*** Please see page 12 for the Vestry slate and voter qualifications.

Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant was a wonderful event, telling the story of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Children of all ages participated in the service, portraying lambs, shepherds, angels, and the Holy Family.

Many thanks to Jane and Keith Saunders for serving as the directors for 2017 and for all the other volunteers who assisted with the service and the reception that followed!

Parish Register

New Members:

- Lauren Bayliss
- Natasha & Andy Gastley
- Jeff & Noella Rogers
- Jim Koda
- Jamie Scalera
- Art & Lallie Wagner

Congratulations to:

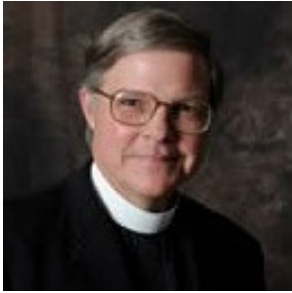
- Brian Dennison, completed his PhD in Law from University of Cape Town, South Africa on December 28th.
- Charter Nickels, received his G.E.D. from Hope Academy at the Whitefield Center in January 2018
- John Albert, recently elected President of the Board of Directors at St. Joseph's/Candler.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to

- Steve Dantin, on the death of his mother, Patricia Dantin, on January 17th.
- Ann Stevens, on the death of her husband, Henry Stevens, on January 21st.
- John & Liz Albert, on the death of her mother, Betty Kaynor on January 28th.



From the Rector



A Few Thoughts on our Parish Vision

In our last newsletter, I summarized the good work done by the Vestry and Council in coming together with a common vision for our congregation. More will be said about this at our Annual Parish Meeting, but I thought it might be helpful

to place a few thoughts on paper on how I am personally engaging our new vision.

In almost every vision, there is enormous energy put on coming up with a “vision statement” that is concise, pithy and memorable. Such a statement is often like a jingle or a motto and is meant to be a reminder of the broader aspects of the vision. Such thinking comes from modern communication and advertising techniques and has a proven track record. In the past, I have pursued this model with great energy, but have not found it to create much traction. As a result, I have concluded it may not be the most faithful way to pursue the Gospel in our congregation.

This doesn’t mean we may not end up with a catchy phrase that encapsulates our vision. Rather, I think such encapsulation comes more naturally and is not forced. It is a bit like a nickname given to a child or a grandparent. The nicknames we may want rarely stick; the more genuine nicknames come from a shared life together that reflects meaningful experiences. For example, in my younger years, my family nickname was “Rat.” Now, no one wanted to call me “Rat” when I was born. It’s not a particularly flattering nickname! The name, however, reflected a family game we played called “Gipper and the Rat” (don’t ask me where that title came from – I have no idea). In the game, the youngest person was always the “Rat.” Being the youngest child in the family, that title always fell upon me. We quit playing the game when I was about four years old, but the name stuck: when I was a teenager, my brothers or my Dad often called me “Rat” (Mom refrained from the title).

As I continue to read and study our vision document, various phrases are coming to life for me as I use the vision to guide my decision-making and ministry. Here are some that, for me, are catching my attention:

We are a parish “for the community.” This comes from recognizing that although our membership is widespread, our heart goes out to making our community a better place to the glory of God.

We seek to produce “clarity, continuity and follow-through” in the way we do ministry. This simple phrase is helping me ask the right questions about communication, accountability and responsibility.

We are “Gospel centered.” This seems obvious, but it is not something to be taken for granted. From sermons and Sunday school to hymnody, liturgy and various ministries, it is good to focus on their value in the context of Gospel-centeredness. This also encourages us to be clear (see “clarity,” above) about what the Gospel truly is and what it is not.

Finally, we are committed to “worship, catechesis, pastoral care and mission.” The definition of these words need some refinement, but they are helping me frame the various issues and challenges that are before our congregation in the coming year.

A good, healthy vision speaks not only to who we are, but who we aren’t. It is useful in determining between what is “good” for our congregation and what is “best.” It keeps us from trying to be “all things to all people” in the sense that it directs our resources toward what is most important to our calling as Christians in this part of Savannah and the world.

We may not have a catchy jingle or a creative motto, but as we learn more about this vision and put it into practice, we will discover our Lord’s guidance for the future.

Faithfully yours,
“Rat”



Introducing



Most of you reading this article are very familiar with **Joan Malley** who our Rector has lovingly referred to as “She who must be obeyed.” All who have worked with Joan know her to be the very essence of efficiency and an administrative powerhouse. A check misplaced? Never! A line-item on an Excel spreadsheet incorrect? Inconceivable. Our church has indeed been the grateful beneficiary of her many gifts, but how many of us know Joan beyond her excellent service as our Executive Administrator?

As of January 1 of this year, Joan has relinquished her full-time position and is continuing part-time as “just” our Financial Administrator. It seemed like the perfect time to get to know her better as she starts to enjoy some time away from the all-consuming demands of her previous responsibilities.

As Joan spoke of her different experiences, both personal and professional, it became clear to me that her life somewhat mirrored Esther’s in that she was distinctly prepared for the pivotal moment in her life when her uncle Mordecai said to her, “And who knows whether you have come into the kingdom for such a time as this?” But I am getting ahead of myself!

Joan was born in Massachusetts where her memories of playing in the snow are not fond ones. She hates the cold, but moving at a very young age to Philadelphia was hardly warmer. She attended public school there, went for a short time to Grove City College which quickly proved to not be a good fit and then moved on to Penn State from where she graduated in 1971 with a degree in French. In her Junior year she met fellow French major Greg Malley. They began dating during a study abroad program in France in 1970 and by 1971, just before leaving for the Peace Corps together, they were married. Joan reports that she later learned that Greg made a pro-con list concerning their potential union and forty-six years later it seems that Greg’s “pro” choice seemed a good one!

They spent two years teaching English in Senegal, West Africa, a former French colony, thus putting their French skills to good use. Joan agrees with the Peace Corps advertising itself as “the toughest job you’ll ever love.” She gives partial credit for the success of their marriage to their time together in that service, only having each other to rely upon while being far away from family and living in such hot and harsh conditions. It was great training ground for the Malley team.

Upon returning to the States the Malleys settled in Greg’s home town of Pittsburgh. Joan was hired by Mack Trucks and was the first woman in that company to complete the management training program. Greg was working in banks and insurance and hating it. Following his passion, he became apprenticed to a Belgian chef. Greg’s first executive chef position was offered to him in upstate New York, so Joan quit her job with Mack Trucks to move there. A year later the Malleys returned to the Pittsburgh area and she was called back to work for Mack Trucks as an independent consultant until 1978 when they added a daughter, Christina, to their family. Another daughter, Jessica, was born in 1980.

This busy time in their lives corresponded with their return to church. The Episcopal Church provided a happy meeting ground for Greg, raised a Catholic and Joan, a Presbyterian. They were in their late twenties when a new evangelical priest joined the staff. It was through this mentor that they began to understand what it meant that Jesus was their savior. It was a wonderful time of spiritual renewal for them personally and for their church.

In 1985 Joan and Greg moved back to Pittsburgh and joined “THE” renewal Episcopal Church which was charismatic, low-church and had a new rector in search of a new secretary. The church was divided between those who wanted to retain their non-liturgical charismatic approach and those who wanted a return to a traditional liturgical format. Joan was looking to return to the work force but wondering what the heck she would be able to do. She — and this is quite amusing since we know Joan — didn’t think she had any real skills to offer! But the Lord was at work. The Rector decided Joan was a perfect “neutral” choice being so new to the congregation and hired her even though he had already made an offer to someone else. She worked at this church from 1985-91, seeing the parish through another rector transition and working with an interim, Doug McGlynn. It was also at this time that Joan met Marc Robertson, then a professor at Trinity Seminary.

Introducing

In 1991 Joan was called by that interim rector to Church of the Ascension, an urban Episcopal church in Pittsburgh with attendance around 200 on a Sunday. The staff attended a conference called “Breaking the 200 Barrier” and within a few years their attendance had grown to over 600 in worship! Under Fr. Doug’s leadership Joan learned the intricacies of liturgy which would be one of the many valuable skills she would bring to Christ Church Anglican. Greg was ordained a Deacon in 1990 and also served full-time at Ascension working on programs to guide members of the church to volunteer roles that matched their spiritual gifting. However, in 2004 a new rector was called who cut Greg’s job to part-time, so he began a catering business.

Joan had been in contact on and off with Marc over the years and had seen him in Pittsburgh in 2005 at the “Hope and a Future Conference” where he and the Smiths were interviewing our former Assistant Rector Layne Hansen (who had gone through the ordination process at Ascension). Joan was feeling like she had done everything she could at Ascension. Greg was killing himself in the catering business and that thing that Joan really hated, cold, was becoming a real trial. In 2006 Christ Church Savannah decided to restructure the administrative staff and a connection was made with Joan. All the pieces of the puzzle seemed to be falling into place, but it wasn’t a slam-dunk decision for them to relocate to Savannah. During a trolley ride in the historic district during her first interview weekend, Joan found tears in her eyes along the way even over something as simple as a cast-iron dolphin downspout! Knowing that she wept whenever the Holy Spirit worked in her life, she took this to be a sign they would move to Savannah and make Christ Church their new home.

Joan’s first day in the office in November 2006 was the same date that the first threatening letter from the Diocesan Chancellor was written, followed by 4 Vestry meetings in 10 days. (Welcome to Savannah!) The next ten months culminated in the Vestry voting to leave the Episcopal Church in September 2007. We then left the building on Johnson Square in December 2011, set up new offices in the Medical Arts Center and sojourned for the next three+ years under the gracious hospitality of IPC, moving into our present location in February 2015. All the logistics involved seemed to happen fairly seamlessly, but none of that would have been smooth if not for the steady administrative genius of Joan Malley.

God used Esther’s gifts to save the Hebrews from de-

struction, thus bringing himself glory. In Joan’s case we see how the Lord carefully shaped her, raising her in the church as a child, building a strong marriage with Greg, bringing her under the guidance of Godly teachers and preachers, preparing her for administrative ministry by training her in the corporate world, bringing her to work in a troubled and divided church, putting Marc Robertson in her path, and finally moving her to tears of conviction that she should put her life in Pittsburgh behind and move south to join the battle at Christ Church Anglican. How grateful we are that she and Greg heeded the call!

Looking ahead, Joan is anticipating some extra time to be able to work on a few personal goals: developing her knitting skills, working on her physical fitness and organizing a life-time of photos. Of course, she also hopes to be able to spend more time in Philadelphia with her three grandkids (ages 10, 6, and 17 months.) Thank you, Joan, for allowing God to use you mightily throughout your life. For us at Christ Church Anglican we know that God prepared you for such a time as it has been over the past decade. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Susan Moore

A Note From Joan:

Dear Parish Family,

Congratulations on keeping the secret secret and surprising me with your generous gift as I step down from my “Executive Administrator” staff position. Christ Church Anglican has been a huge blessing, and it has been an honor to serve you over the past eleven years. I look forward to continuing to contribute to kingdom work in my newly created position of “Financial Administrator” (aka “the money lady” as some of you call it!)...same office, same phone and the same dedication to serving you as best I can.

Thank you for your sweet generosity and your encouragement and support!

*In Jesus’ love,
Joan*

Why Do We Do That?

Why Do We Fast?



With the season of Lent coming upon us, it may be helpful to consider the question, “Why do we fast?” Fasting is a common Christian discipline. Our Lord Jesus fasted (most notably His forty days in the wilderness

prior to his public ministry), as well as St. Paul (for example, for three days after his conversion). The early Christians also fasted (Acts 13:2) and engaged this discipline before laying hands on leadership (Acts 14:23). While fasting was a discipline of the Early Church, presumably following the teaching of our Lord (“And *when* you fast...” Matthew 6:16, emphasis mine), it did not carry the weight or accompanying regulations found in the Jewish traditions.

In our Anglican tradition, there are only two “mandatory” fast days: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Nevertheless, fasting is generally commended for our spiritual development and maturity, especially during the season of Lent. Here are three things I would encourage us all to consider when it comes to fasting:

First the most common form of fasting is “apaphatic.” Apaphatic fasting is taking away something in our lives in order to gain better focus on what is truly valuable. We normally think of fasting this way when it comes to our diet, so we give up certain foods. This is helpful, but limited. Ask the question, “What may be an obstruction to my relationship to God?” The answer may not be food, but something else. Television, the computer, smart phones, social media and other electronic distractions may be the culprit. Various forms of recreation could be another. Even work (for those who are “workaholics”) might be a consideration. What would happen if some of us chose to observe the Sabbath with integrity? No “going into the office for a few minutes” on Sunday, or perhaps no Facebook or Twitter on the Lord’s Day (palms getting a little sweaty?).

Second, some forms of fasting are “kataphatic.” Kataphatic fasting is taking on a specific discipline that will aid our faith. This can be extra reading and study, or service to those less fortunate than ourselves, or spending extra time in prayer. This kind of fasting is “adding to,” and is not often thought of as fasting because it does not have a component of deprivation. In

most cases, the best fast is a combination of both: as we take away something in our lives (apaphatic), we replace it with something different, more conducive to our journey of faith (kataphatic). For example, if you gave up all electronics on the Sabbath, you could replace it with something different: time with family and friends, maybe a nap, reading a spiritual book, taking a walk with your spouse, or something you don’t normally do that would be an investment in a better, healthier life.

Finally, think of the corporate aspect of fasting. While Jesus advises us that our fasting should not be “seen by others” (Matthew 6:17), there are times when the Body of Christ joined in fasting together. Sometimes such fasting had a specific purpose (like the appointment of spiritual leaders in Acts 14:23), but there were other times where corporate fasting seemed already to be in place before such action (see Acts 13:2-3).

This Lent, we are offering an opportunity to join in a corporate fast. We will offer the opportunity to engage in the “Daniel Fast” for those who would like to do this together. One of our Sunday School classes during Lent will be reflections on Pope John Paul II’s, *Theology of the Body*, coupled with the experience of the Daniel Fast. Jane McNeal Saunders will join me in facilitating this class as we engage the Daniel Fast together, reflect on and encourage one another in our experience of fasting, and discuss what it means to be created as physical beings with spiritual aspirations.

One last thought: In my examination of Scripture and fasting, I was struck by the lack of extensive teaching on the subject and the secondary role fasting plays in the New Testament. Perhaps this is due to the Old Testament history of fasting, which was often seen as a means of obtaining God’s mercy and favor. While fasting cannot in any way save us, it is a helpful discipline that can, as the old hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” states, “... *tune my heart to sing thy grace.*”

Whatever Lenten disciplines we may choose this year, may it “tune our hearts to sing God’s grace.”

Fr. Marc

Editor’s Note: This column appears in each issue and is intended to help explain various Anglican traditions. If you have a question for this column, please submit it to the church office or email katiebeaumont@ccasav.org.

The Catechist's Corner

Mark Your Calendars!



Lenten Soup, Salad, Bread & Eucharist February 21 — March 14 5:45 PM

Every Wednesday during the season of Lent, we are offering mid-week Eucharist with a simple meal of soup, salad, and breads. One of the themes of Lent is simplifying our life together and focusing our attention towards our need for God's mercy and grace. The church will provide Deacon/Chef Greg's soup and the congregation is asked to bring salads and bread to each meal. Come join us February 21st to March 14th in Hebron Hall beginning at 5:45 p.m. Please consider this a Lenten discipline for both how we eat together in fellowship and for our spiritual nourishment around the Lord's table.



Palm Making Dinner March 21 5:45 PM

We are excited to announce our intergenerational Palm-Making Dinner on March 21st at 5:45 p.m. in Hebron Hall. This was such a wonderful time last year so we plan to continue this great tradition within our community. There will be instructions on how to make palm crosses, teaching on the palms, dinner and activities. The church will provide the main dish; parishioners are to bring a side dish or dessert. Hope to see you there!



The Good Shepherd Dinner April 18 5:45 PM

In the middle of the Easter season, the lectionary always emphasizes Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This is one of the earliest images of Jesus in early church settings for worship. It is the image of a man carrying a lamb over his shoulders. On Wednesday, April 18th at 5:45 p.m. we will celebrate Jesus as our Good Shepherd. Along with dinner, there will be intergenerational activities and a teaching on the Good Shepherd. The church will provide the main dish; parishioners are to bring a side dish or dessert! Come learn from the Good Shepherd!

Acolyte Ministry

When a high feast is about to come around the corner, I typically have one or two acolytes come to me with great enthusiasm to practice walking with the incense-filled thurible. (A thurible is the container used to diffuse the incense in the church nave.) It is such an encouragement to see our young people not only interested in liturgical worship, but also to see their development in servant leadership.

I am also excited to announce that new acolytes-in-training are making their way into the ministry with the occasional use of torchbearers. We are continuing to expand this ministry, so if you are in 6th grade or above you are welcome to join the torchbearers.

The acolyte ministry is an aspect of our youth ministry that connects them deeper into our liturgical worship and develops their leadership capacities in the life of the church.

If you would like to join or have any questions, please see me!

Fr. Joe

The Anglican Way Retreat

Are you curious about Anglican liturgy, spirituality, and sacraments? Come to a unique retreat on **February 24th** from 9 a.m. to noon at Wesley Gardens.

This retreat is designed for all ages, with the opportunity for children to experientially learn Holy Communion.

If you have any questions or are interested, please contact Fr. Joe (912-355-7730; jgasbarre@ccasav.org).

Parish Life

Alpha Yoga Omega

Alpha Yoga Omega is a ministry with a Christ-centered telos of “present in God’s presence.” Yoga is a practice that can inspire such a union by joining breath to our physical movements, quieting our minds, and becoming more awake in our spiritual selves. This deeper alignment and syncing of our bodies, minds, and spirits allows us to be more present. And being present allows us to better hear and respond to God’s voice, remembering our ongoing invitation to *live* in His presence. The goal and intention of Alpha Yoga Omega is to facilitate a space where this connection can happen, both on and off our mats.

My own journey with yoga had been a bumpy one, where I was consistent for many months and then would take a hiatus for one reason or another. However, something kept leading me back. When I was regularly practicing yoga, I found that I felt centered and mindful. I felt more in tune with my body, learning to truly see it as a temple and gift from God. I felt closer to the Lord and paid more attention to Him. Something became apparent in the connection between my yoga practice and my mindfulness as a person, a more aware Christian.



This led to questions like: “Could yoga benefit the church as well? Is it something God’s people need in today’s disconnected world? Might it

be a means to worship Him with our bodies?” I began to pray. “Lord, if I do this, may it be done with intention and through Your strength, not my own.” It was then I felt God tug at my heart to take the plunge. I felt a sense of peace that this union was God inspired and decided to pursue it in fear and faith. My greatest doubt was whether the Lord could use *me* to reach people with His love, in this case through yoga. Yet here I am a few years later and can honestly say it is one of the greatest gifts I’ve been given, teaching in this manner and being an expression of the hands and feet of Jesus in a way I never could have imagined. In spite of my limitations, He is using me to teach to others the very things I most need to hear and practice.

Jane Saunders

First Time Yoga Testimonial

The first time that an insert advertising Alpha Yoga Omega appeared in the Christ Church bulletin, I dismissed it with my usual yoga-related excuses: as an activity reserved only for youthful ex-cheerleaders, definitely not for someone like myself, with a history of assorted sports injuries, a general apathy towards stretching, and a genetic predisposition towards geriatric flexibility.

I persisted in this mindset until Sharon Mays mentioned that she had been going and that each class was a wonderfully restful and healing experience. Sharon was not a former acrobat, as far as I knew, so her post-yoga glow baffled me. I decided to try it out, for the glow if nothing else.

So, I accompanied Sharon to one of Jane’s classes, fully expecting it to be nothing more than an hour of sweating as I struggled to keep my balance in half-hearted contortions of dubious benefit. Surprisingly, I found myself doing none of those things, aside from some light sweating. True to Sharon’s report, attending Jane’s class was a restful and healing experience, and I soon found myself going regularly. At the beginning of each class, Jane reads aloud a passage of Scripture for meditation and a breathing exercise as participants let the Word sink in and focus on drawing their attention away from lingering thoughts and stresses. Each class is very beginner-friendly, making it a welcoming experience for all levels of ability and experience.

Through Jane’s gentle coaching, I have learned to think more about all the incredible things that my body can do, instead of focusing in frustration on what I can’t, and has lead me towards more daily thankfulness for the strengths and abilities I have been given. At Alpha Yoga Omega, things such as your skill level or age or flexibility don’t matter. What matters is that you bring with you a teachable spirit and a curiosity to learn more about the Lord’s goodness and provision as you learn more about your own body.

Lily Davis

Class is held Tuesdays

5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wesley Wing

The Women of Christ Church

WCCA Meeting Report and Spring Plans

This Lent season is a busy one for the WCCA. February 15-18 is our third annual Renew Retreat with Bible Teacher Maureen Ross coming from Ireland to speak with us about going Deeper Still with God. As of the writing of this article we are almost at capacity so that is very encouraging! It is inspiring to see that the women of the church hunger for more Biblical training, prayer ministry and fellowship with one another and the WCCA is happy to be a part of this wonderful initiative from our sisters Claudia Thomas and Louise Mehl. The Lord has worked through them to bless the women of our church and we are so grateful.

We had a short meeting at the end of January to discuss ideas and needs that the women of the church would like to be involved with. Two concerns were brought up by the women that it was universally agreed the WCCA should be involved with: one was to oversee funeral receptions and the other is to oversee "Food for Friends." A bit of background is useful to those new to the church.



The WCCA hold a meeting after church to discuss the Tour of Homes and other ministry needs.

Susan White is a saint amongst saints. She has both officially and unofficially been responsible for both of these much-needed ministries. However, Susan has a very full plate with other responsibilities and would like to be released from these ministries. Fear not, she will still be happy to lend a helping hand and cook her magical cakes from time to time, but she is stepping down from the leadership of these ministries. Happily, during our meeting, Helen Marshall volunteered to take on the leadership of Funeral Receptions. We will be meeting with Katie to iron out procedures to make it easier for Helen to manage and eventually pass on to the next wom-

an called to this ministry. I can personally attest to the blessing that this ministry is for grieving families, as the WCCA provided a gracious reception when my father died. It was lovely to be surrounded by my sisters in Christ who took care of everything while I concentrated on my family and our grieving.

We are actively seeking a woman to head up the "food for friends" ministry. This would be a perfect ministry for a woman who doesn't have time for ministries that involve meetings and time commitments. This can be done at home and is quite simple. The last time we rallied to provide food for a sister during a period of illness we used the app "Meal Train." I'm thinking about perhaps a mother with young kids who can handle a computer and a telephone. Please pray about this important ministry. Again, I can report what a blessing it was for me when I was hospitalized for an extended period with a long recovery period to have meals delivered for us when I couldn't cook and yet had young mouths to feed. If you feel the nudge, please pray about it and then give me a call or talk with me after church (912-604-8790).

The Tour of Homes will also take place during Lent. Please see the article on page 10 concerning the Tour and sign up quickly to help out. All hands on deck are needed!

Our annual picnic will be on Sunday, April 22nd. We will go over to the Whitefield Center after church for a picnic. We decided to try a Sunday afternoon as so many mothers have sporting and school events on Saturdays. Child care will be provided and we are considering having a speaker, so mark your calendars!

We are blessed to have so many women active in so many areas of our church. It is an honor to serve you! May this Lent be a season of blessing to you all.

*Susan Moore
WCCA President*

Tour of Homes



5 Theological Reasons to Support The Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens

Despite it being the coldest winter in the twenty years I have lived in Savannah, I have faith that spring is just around the corner. And with spring comes the Tour of Homes. For those of you new to Christ Church, the Tour of Homes is our church-wide fund raiser, executed in partnership with The Historic Savannah Foundation. Funds raised go to support local and global missions as well as historic preservation efforts in Savannah. Technically the Tour of Homes is sponsored by the WCCA, but rest assured, there are jobs available for every man, woman and teen member of Christ Church Anglican!

While considering the article for this newsletter, I thought about writing “My 10 Favorite Things Concerning The Tour” or “10 Reasons Why You Should Volunteer For The Tour.” But then that would be heavily me and you focused. The thing about the Tour is that it isn’t about me or you. It’s about Jesus. So here are Five Theological Reasons to Support the Tour:

1. **Jesus practiced hospitality.** Even though he chided his mother that “My time has not yet come” (John 2:4) Jesus used a wedding in Cana as his first miraculous sign by saving the day. The host had run out of wine and the party was going south. Even though he told his mother that this wasn’t his time, his compassion for the host spurred him to action and he turned
2. **God honored Abraham’s hospitality.** After Abraham had received God’s angels and fed them with his choicest bread, calves, curds and milk, God revealed that Sarah would bear a son. And thank goodness that Abraham was such a good host to God’s angels, because we are all grafted into the family that flowed through Abraham as a result of his obedience to God’s call of hospitality! We can learn from Abraham’s example. He didn’t provide simple refreshment to his visitors, but he brought out the very best. He was moved to bless and in return was blessed. This is what we experience when we offer our best to our visitors: they are blessed and we in turn are blessed. We then turn around and bless those who will benefit from the financial gifts that flows from all that blessing! “A generous man will prosper: he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25.
3. **Jesus fed 5000 men** (and who knows how many women and children!) with five loaves of bread and

the water into wine , and not just ordinary wine, but the very best wine, thus saving the host’s reputation. Of course his true motivation was that “He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.” John 2:11

Tour of Homes

two fish. It was such a success that he did it again, this time feeding 4000 men (ditto women and children) with seven fish and a few small loaves. (Matthew 14 and 15) When Jesus fed these people, he used the disciples to do the actual distribution of the food. He could have produced food in every lap of every man, woman and child present. However, he chose to use his disciples as the means to distribute the food. In a similar way, the Lord entrusts us to be his hands and feet through the Tour of Homes. We serve the people with hospitality which in turn allows us to bless the needy.

4. **“You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”** Matthew 5:18 God did not save us so that we could gather together every Sunday and celebrate that “Yay! We are saved!” and that would be the end of it. No, Jesus saved us and then told us to go into the world and proclaim the good news! One way of proclaiming the gospel is to live out our lives so that the world can see us and want to know more about the King we follow because our lives are so obviously blessed. The Tour gives us the opportunity to show our visitors that we are a loving community committed to serving our city with the love of Jesus.
5. Finally, (not that there are not an infinite more reasons, but there is a finite space) Paul tells us in Ephesians **“For we are God’s workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works** which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Ephesians 2:10. Jesus exhorts us to love one another, care for one another, care for the widows and the orphans. He sent us the Holy Spirit to empower us to be able to do this. If you are in Christ, the Holy Spirit lives in you and you are empowered to do these good works! In these works you will find the happiness and peace which flows from an obedient life. It really is amazing and the Tour of Homes gives each one of us the opportunity to live out the life that Christ has set before us.

I trust that these few Biblical lessons will feed your fervor to help out the Tour of Homes. We need every member (and many more!) to be involved and there are jobs suited for each one of you. Please fill out your volunteer cards as soon as possible so the committee chairs can con-

tact you and get you assigned to a job where your spiritual gifts will shine. You can also volunteer on-line! Go to savannahtourofhomes.org and click “Get Involved” This will lead you to the volunteer sign-up page where you can sign up and then a committee chair will be in touch with you about your assignment. This is the single largest parish outreach and each penny that we raised is handed back to our community and to global mission outreach.

If you absolutely cannot volunteer your time due to whatever reason, please consider becoming a Friend of the Tour. Your \$50 contribution will earn you a spot in the guide book, a cool button and a heart-felt thanks from the Tour leadership! You can also donate on line at savannahtourofhomes.org



Mother-Daughter Duo Alert!

Left: Alexia - Newsletter Publisher, TOH Volunteer Docent, Dog Enthusiast

Right: Susan - Newsletter Editor, TOH Past Co-Chair, Cat Enthusiast

Annual Meeting

2018 VESTRY NOMINEES

Vestry Nominees The Parish Council presents the following slate of Vestry nominees; elections will take place during the annual Parish Meeting on **Sunday, Feb. 25th**.



Craig Clements has been a member of CCA since 2013. He and his wife, Cecelia, and their three children have been active members since joining the congregation. He looks forward to walking with and worshipping Christ in this community into the future and to serving in whatever capacity to which God calls him.



A native of Canada and now a US citizen, **Sharon Lawson** has lived in Savannah since 1988 and has been a member of CCA since 1992. She and her husband, Nelson, have been active members of the congregation. Currently she lives one day at a time attempting to bring glory to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, and looking forward to eternity with Him.



A native Savannahian, **David Reeves** has been a member of CCA since 1985. He and his wife, Katherine, have been active members of the congregation. David has previously served on the Vestry as Warden. He looks forward to using his spiritual gifts over the next three years and to be a servant leader for the good of the church and God.

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Who is eligible to vote?

ARTICLE I : DEFINITIONS

1.2 Communicant in Good Standing. The term “Communicant in Good Standing” means and refers to all communicants of Christ Church who for the previous twelve (12) month period have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God. The determination whether a particular person is a Communicant in Good Standing shall be made in the reasonable discretion of the Rector and both the Wardens, acting unanimously after solemn and prayerful consideration. Such person shall have the right to appeal any such determination to the Vestry by filing a written request for review thereof within thirty (30) days of written notification of such determination. The affirmative votes of two-thirds of the Vestry members then serving shall be required to uphold such determination. The status of a communicant may only be considered once in any twelve (12) month period.

1.9 Subscriber of Record. The term “Subscriber of Record” means and refers to one who contributes financially, in more than a nominal amount, to support Christ Church and its programs, as reflected in the records of the Parish. For purposes hereof, contributions in excess of \$250.00 within the preceding twelve months shall be deemed to be more than “nominal”. Communicants otherwise in good standing may in extreme circumstances request a special pastoral exemption from this requirement which may be granted by the Rector and Wardens acting unanimously.

1.10 Voting Member. The term “Voting Member” means and refers to those Members of the Parish who are entitled to vote in any election or other matter coming before the Congregation. A Voting Member must (i) be a Communicant in Good Standing, (ii) have attained the age of sixteen years, (iii) be a Subscriber of Record to the expenses of the Parish, and (iv) hold, maintain and accede to the Historic Faith, Doctrine, Sacraments and Discipline of the One Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church as the Lord has commanded in His Holy Word and as the same are received and taught in the Apostles’ Creed, the Nicene Creed, the *Book of Common Prayer* and *Ordinal of 1662*, and in the *Thirty-nine Articles of Religion*.

Special Events

THIS LENT AT CCA

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 14th

12 Noon & 6 PM Nave

Midweek Simple Supper & Eucharist

Wednesdays

5:45 PM Hebron Hall

Women's Renew

Saturday, March 3rd

10 AM Wesley Gardens

First Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, March 4th

9 AM Hebron Hall

Palm Cross Making Dinner

Wednesday, March 21st

5:45 PM Hebron Hall

Palm Sunday Services

Sunday, March 25th

8 AM The Passion with Eucharist

10:20 AM Procession from Whitefield

10:30 AM The Passion with Eucharist

Sacred Symphonies

*Three parables of Jesus
sung as Biblical plays*



With orchestra and liturgical dance.

Sunday, April 15, 2018

10:30a.m. worship

*Christ Church Anglican
(corner of 37th and Bull Streets)
Savannah, Georgia*

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

March 29th 6:30 PM

Good Friday

*March 30th
12 Noon & 6 PM*

Easter Vigil

March 31st 8 PM

Bring a bell!

Easter Sunday

April 1st

8 AM Eucharist

9 AM Egg Hunt at Whitefield

10:30 AM Eucharist

Parish Life Calendar

Recurring Events		
Meeting	Day/Time	Location
Youth Group	Mondays 5 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Mondays 7 PM (weekly)	Choir Loft
Alpha Yoga Omega	Tuesdays 5:30 (weekly)	Room 8
Choristers' Rehearsal	Wednesdays 4:30 (weekly)	Tucker Choir Room
Choir Dinner	Wednesdays 6 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays 7 PM (weekly)	Tucker Choir Room
Parish Prayer	Fridays 12 PM (weekly)	Whitefield Center
NA Meetings	Fridays 6 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Stephen Ministry Training	Sundays 2 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Compline Choir Rehearsal	Sundays 7:30 PM (weekly)	Choir Loft
Folk Group Rehearsal	Sundays 12:15 PM (every other week)	Nave
The Lunch Place (Isaiah 58)	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays 10:30 AM	Hebron Hall
Women's Renew	1 st Saturdays 10 AM (subject to change)	Wesley Gardens
Parish Council	2 nd Thursdays 6 PM	Hebron Hall
Needlework Guild	2 nd Thursdays 10 AM	Room 5
Finance Committee	3 rd Thursdays 5:30 PM	Hebron Hall
TOH Committee	3 rd Tuesdays 1 PM	Hebron Hall
TOH Board Meeting	3 rd Thursdays 4 PM	Hebron Hall
Vestry Meeting	4 th Thursdays 6 PM	Hebron Hall

Pentecost Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the 2018 Pentecost Newsletter is Monday, April 23, 2018. Please submit all articles and photographs to Katie Beaumont at kbeaumont@ccasav.org.

Baptism Offered

The Sacrament of Baptism will be offered at the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday, March 31st, at the 8 p.m. service.

If you are interested in being baptized or having your child(ren) baptized, please contact the church office at 912-355-7730 no later than Wednesday, March 21th.

Parish Life Calendar

February 2018

14	12 & 6 PM	Ash Wednesday Svcs.
16-18	5 PM	Women's Renew Retreat
21	5:45 PM	Simple Supper/Eucharist
22 24	9 AM	Anglican Way Retreat
28	5:45 PM	Eucharist / Meal

March 2018

3	10 AM	Renew
7	5:45 PM	Simple Supper/Eucharist
14	5:45 PM	Simple Supper/Eucharist
21	5:45 PM	Palm Making Dinner
22	9 AM	TOH Tour of Church
23	6:15 PM	TOH Service
25	8 AM	Palm Sunday Service
26	10:30 AM	Palm Sunday Service
29	6:30 PM	Maundy Thursday Service
30	12 & 6 PM	Good Friday Service

April 2018

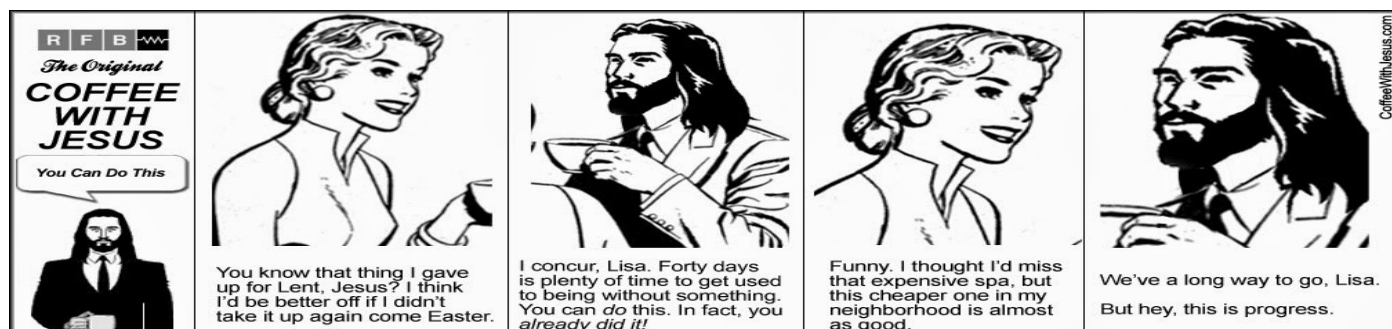
1	9 AM	Easter Egg Hunt & Hospitality
2		Office Closed (Easter Monday)
14	10 AM	Music Rehearsal
15	10:30 AM	Music Work
	12:30 PM	Newcomers Luncheon
21	9 AM	Community Group Leaders
22	12:30 PM	WCCA Picnic
28	8 AM.	Stephen Ministry Training

May 2018

5	10 AM	Renew
5	9 AM	First Sunday Breakfast
9	5:45 PM	Parish Dinner
20		Pentecost
27		Trinity Sunday
28		Office Closed (Memorial Day)

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

Parish Weekend Oct. 12-14, 2018





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