

The Eagle

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Editor's Note

I would like to reflect upon the 25th Anniversary of Father Dunbar's Ordination and his 20 years with our church, not in my own words but by looking back to the days when Sherry Holtzclaw edited *The Eagle*. This excerpt is from the Summer 2006 edition of *The Eagle* when Father Dunbar was instituted as our new Rector.

"...Father Dunbar's personal and academic background is so well-grounded, and surrounded by wise influences and supportive teachers all along the way to this day. He grew up in and around Toronto, Ontario, as the middle child of Phyllis and Carlyle Dunbar. These lovely people have been to Savannah on a number of occasions and seem to be comforted that their far-from-home son is being cherished and well-tended by his many fans and friends. Fr. Dunbar has an older brother, Iain, and a younger sister, Carolyn, who have given him nieces and nephews whom he adores. If you happened to sit behind Iain at the Christmas Eve service last December, you couldn't have missed the family resemblance!

This family discussion seems just the perfect time to remind everyone that our new rector's name is not DUNbar, but dunBAR, in the Scottish way. I confess I "googled" Gavin Dunbar to see if there were any secret facts that we should know. I was delighted to discover that in addition to OUR Fr. Dunbar, there were two well-respected fellows of the same name who were the Archbishop of Aberdeen and the Archbishop of Glasgow serving in the late 15th and early 16th centuries.

...After serving as rector of Ecum Secum for over five years, Fr. Dunbar responded to a call from Fr. Ralston. It was December. The cold Canadian winter had set in on Nova Scotia, and Savannah was an attractive tropical respite for the poor frozen father. He remembers the "balmy weather" of early December in Savannah, the beautiful Epiphany services, the ECW Board Meeting conducted by Ann Sheils, Sr. Warden Jane Pressly, and finally putting a face to the name Mrs. Shack B. Wimbish which he'd seen for years in the St. John's Parish Paper and which had intrigued him.

Discussions ensued and on Canada's national day, Dominion Day, Gavin Dunbar left Nova Scotia. He arrived in Savannah on July 4th, 1997, Independence Day, only to have his glasses fog up on disembarking the plane at the Savannah Airport. He was overwhelmed at the difference in his winter visit and his arrival on one of the hottest days of the summer. "What mistake have I made?" he moaned. If it weren't for his enchantment with the magnolias, live oaks, oysters prepared any style, and the warmth, courtesy and formality of the Southern way of his new flock, he may have returned to chilly Canada.

In the years to come he especially cherished the many lessons learned and experiences shared with Fr. Ralston and Fr. Carreker in the daily life of our parish. He celebrated and mourned with us, and came to be one of us with his odd Canadian colloquialisms. He is a giant of a fellow, with a wonderful wit and mind, great wisdom, solid traditional belief and education, faithful commitment to God's service, lusty appetite for good food and conversation, and the precious charm of one who's been trained in patience by a loving big brother and little sister.

...Fr. Dunbar brings the promise of strong, faithful leadership, trained, guided, and nurtured by those wonderful minds which were the thread sewing our parish to the past, the Anglican traditions of our faith, and to those who've protected our parish diligently for over 150 years."

By looking at the past, we often realize just how far we have come. As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Father Dunbar's Ordination and his 20 years with St. John's, may we all look back and realize how very blessed we have been to have OUR Father Dunbar!



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The Women of St. John's Church

It is an honor and a privilege to be writing this article as the President of the Women of St. John's. The Lord has given me this new opportunity to work with the talented and gifted women of St. John's. God has gifted each of us with certain talents and expertise. I hope each of you will share your gift and use it in service to God through the efforts of the Women of St. John's. Together we might further our goals to reach out to the needs of the community and to St. John's parishioners, as well as, to the maintenance of our beautiful historic parish house, the Green-Meldrim House. "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (First Peter 4:10).



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As a female parishioner of St. John's Church you are a member of the Women of the Church. There are several ways in which you can volunteer, such as: arranging flowers; caring for the altar linens; being a Sunday School teacher or assistant; hosting Coffee Hour; greeting people at Coffee Hour; being a docent at the Green-Meldrim House; working on the Holly Days Bazaar, which has various activities; working on projects at the Fresh Air Home; working on fundraisers; bringing food for Coffee Hours, funerals, or special events; delivering flowers after services on Sundays; and the list goes on. You will find each time you volunteer, you will have made a difference to someone who appreciates your efforts. Volunteering is a very gratifying experience. As you share your special gift with others, you become a steward of God's varied grace.

According to the Bylaws, the purpose of the Women of St. John's Church is to unite the women in a program of worship, study, service, and fellowship, which will deepen and strengthen their spiritual lives, and lead them into service for the Church in the parish, the community, the diocese, the nation, and the world. The general meetings are usually held on the first Wednesday in the months of September through April, following the 10:00 a.m. Communion Service in the Chapel. In May there is an annual picnic.

I invite you to join the festivities of the Women of St. John's on Wednesday, September 6th. We will begin with the installation of new officers and standing committee chairmen at the 10:00 a.m. Communion Service in the Chapel. This is followed by the general meeting in the Green-Meldrim House. At the general meeting, a little Christmas spirit will be sprinkled with the kick-off for the Holly Days Bazaar!!! Ladies of St. John's, your absence leaves a void in our circle of service and fellowship, so please join us for a little Christmas cheer and fun!!!

This president looks forward to discovering everyone's special gift and to working with each of you as we strive to further our mission. As we work together in service to God, may God's grace create new enthusiasm and open new doors of opportunity to promote the work of the Women of St. John's.

Venice and the Veneto in Spring 2018

A trip is being planned for a small group of adult parishioners (about 20), to be led by the Rector, to visit Venice and the Veneto, at the end of April and beginning of May 2018 for about 11 days. Accommodations and dining will be superior, and daily itineraries will have an intensive focus on art, architecture, religion and history. There is a healthy amount of walking in the full daily itinerary, sometimes over uneven surfaces, but participants may scale down participation if they wish. Details are still being worked out about dates, costs, lodging, etc., but if you would like to receive this information when it is ready, please notify Elaine Barrow of your interest at ehbarrow@aol.com.

Father Dunbar's Silver Anniversary

This past Sunday, July 23rd, the Women of St. John's presented three gifts to Father Dunbar on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination. This is also his 20th year at St. John's! This is the address:

We present to Father Dunbar a set of three framed Scottish seals, all different and quite rare. They are replicas of centuries-old Scottish seals. They are made of sulphur glass by Henry Laing around 1850. The British Museum and the National Museum of Scotland each have a set. These seals were found by Susan Arden-Joly one Saturday back in February when she and her cousin were browsing around Scott's Antique Market in Atlanta. She called me, and I immediately agreed they were the perfect gift for Father Dunbar.

1. THE EAGLE

The first seal has an image of an eagle. On the side of the seal is written "St. John the Evangelist." The eagle, as you know, is the spiritual symbol of St. John the Evangelist, as well as our church. It is a beautiful symbol that is full of meaning. The eagle, soaring upward, is the symbol of the resurrection of Christ, ascending into heaven upon His victory over death.

In addition to that, it represents us, baptized Christians, as we have died and been raised to life with Christ. The Gospel of John is the most "spiritual" of all the gospels. In it are accounts that are not included in the other gospels. It sees what others do not see. The eagle, with its keen vision, represents wisdom and discernment. Fr. Dunbar's vision for our church is like the eagle with the plan for 2030. He sees the years we do not see. His own wisdom, knowledge and spiritual maturity have a heightened awareness that continues to amaze all of us. You all probably have experienced his ability to see through an issue to the heart of the matter, and this is the symbol of the eagle.

2. GAVIN DUNBAR, THE BISHOP OF ABERDEEN, SCOTLAND

The second seal is a replica of the official wax seal that Gavin Dunbar, Bishop of Aberdeen in Scotland, would have used. Gavin Dunbar became the Bishop of Aberdeen in 1518. On the side of the seal is written "Gavin Dunbar, Bishop of Aberdeen 1528." A bishop is first and foremost a priest and must be one who fulfills his calling to the priesthood with excellence. Fr. Dunbar is our priest who cares for his flock with excellence. Our Fr. Dunbar may be able to trace his lineage back to the Gavin Dunbar, Bishop of Aberdeen. I hope he will let us know if he can!

3. THE RIDER ON A HORSE

The third seal is an image of a knight riding on a horse. On the side of this seal is written "Dunbar." The knight is a sign of nobility. There is much noble history in the name Gavin Dunbar, and our own Gavin Dunbar continues this noble heritage in his willingness to sacrifice himself for the service of our parish. He stands guard and fights against the forces of evil that threaten us. He courageously fights for our way of worship so that we may continue to bring glory to God. He is our very own knight in shining armor!

Father Dunbar has been all three of these seals for us: The Eagle with his soaring spiritual wisdom and vision; The Bishop as he shepherds our flock in his duty as our priest; and as our heroic knight as he courageously fights for our souls with nobility and sacrifice. The Women of St. John's present these seals with gratitude for Father Dunbar's 25 years of service to God. Twenty of those years have been in devoted service to St. John's Church.

We hope these three seals will remind you of your noble Scottish heritage as well as our gratitude for all you do for us. Thank you Father Gavin Dunbar for your 25 faithful years of service for the glory of God.



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It's All Greek To Me

To the ancient Greeks we owe the dawning of Western philosophical consciousness on the frontiers of the East and to its mythology, poets, and dramatists; anticipations of the Theo(God) drama revealed in Christ.

House of Names by Colm Toibin (2017). In Irish novelist Colm Toibin's latest novel, he retells the story of Clytemnestra, Agamemnon, Iphigenia, Orestes and Electra anciently dramatized by Aeschylus in the *Oresteia*. The psychology behind familial and group of cycles of harm and violence synonymous with Greek tragedy, are here evoked in ancient setting with all its contemporary resonance, in Toibin's ever spare, elegant, and beautiful prose.

Fratricides by Nikos Kazantzakis (1967). Set in the Epirus of northwestern Greece during the civil war of the late 1940s, it tells the story of the village priest Father Yanaros and his son Captain Drakos during Holy Week. Yanaros sees his Christian and priestly vocation as 'to live among the people, to fight, to climb Golgotha with Christ. Every day, not just on Good Friday.' Kazantzakis, famous for *Zorba the Greek* and infamous for *The Last Temptation*, creates here in Father Yanaros, one of the great literary portraits of spiritual warfare, of love crucified.

Bloodline Netflix (2015-17). A stand out in the crowded field of writing propelled premium television, *Bloodline* is like Eugene O'Neill and Aeschylus in the Florida Keys. It tells the story of the Rayburns of Islamorada whose secrets and lies tragically spiral out of control, of how we are often not who we think ourselves to be through family lore and public opinion, and how only confession and sacrifice can break the vicious cycle of violence and self-deceit. In a cast that includes Sissy Spacek and playwright Sam Shepard, Australian character actor Ben Mendelsohn is, by turns despicable and heart breaking, as Danny, the putative black sheep of a family.

The Terror Years: From Al-Qaeda to the Islamic State by Lawrence Wright (2016). A staff writer for *The New Yorker*, Wright, has become our premier investigative journalistic diagnostician of contemporary religious cults—'deviant, isolated and hostile to opposing views', as in his Pulitzer Prize winning and haunting, *The Looming Tower*, and his *Going Clear*, on Scientology. *The Terror Years*, a reworking of pieces that first appeared in *The New Yorker* is, as Wright says, a veritable primer for understanding the context and provenances of jihadist movements, and in revisiting the story of John O'Neill first told in *The Looming Tower*, a 'Greek tragedy'.



FATHER
CRAIG O'BRIEN
Priest Associate
St. John's Church

The Children's School at St. John's Church

This year The Children's School at St. John's Church is celebrating its fifth year operating out of Cranmer Hall. The school offers part time preschool classes from Toddler to Pre-Kindergarten. The Children's School is directed by Laura Mattocks, who has been with the school for 12 years, first as a parent and board member and then as a teacher and now director. The staff includes Josely Gonzalez, Tanika Williams, Jennifer Pursley, and Briana Pritchard. You will recognize some of these names as your Sunday nursery staff for St. John's Church also. The school year kicks off September 6th and this year is sure to bring fun and excitement for lots of children. Some highlights for the children this year will be weekly chapel time with Father Dunbar, a trolley ride to Fire Station #1 in October, the performance of the play "The first Thanksgiving" in November, Breakfast with Santa on December 9th, and Christmas Caroling Trolley ride through downtown in December. The Children's School wishes to thank the staff and parishioners of St. John's Church for all their support in helping us to offer a loving, playful, learning environment for preschool age children in Savannah. (Friend or Follow The Children's School at St. John's Church on Facebook)

Musical Musings

Madison Alva, Kaleb Wimes, Abbey Terry, and I attended the RSCM (Royal School Of Church Music) course held at Queen's University this summer. Each day began at 7:30 a.m. with Holy Eucharist service, and ended with Evensong and Compline at 10:00 p.m. All choristers sang as many as eight hours each day. The students were also tutored in music theory and tests were given for those advancing to higher levels in the RSCM Training Scheme. The course was led by Julian Wachner, Choirmaster of Trinity, NY. He was a "lively conductor, full of trivia and always full of energy". Worship services were led by Father Edmund Pickup, an Episcopal Priest who has faithfully served as Chaplain for this course for over 20 years now. Upon our arrival, it seemed just like a family reunion, with everyone greeting each other, seeing old friends and colleagues, and making new ones very quickly.

Attending choristers ranged from beginning to advanced music levels. All youth choristers were auditioned upon arrival and placed accordingly. Madison and Kaleb tested as highly qualified singers.

Madison Alva shares: "I loved the entire experience and hope I get to go back again. Worshipping through song with people... was wonderful. It was quite interesting to worship at different churches; we participated in a morning service at another St. John's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, and led Evensong at Myers Park Baptist Church. Though I have to admit, our St. John's, Savannah, is the only church for me, the difference in services was most apparent to me when we returned home. I would like to thank the church for funding my trip, and I am so grateful for the experience and opportunity".

Abbey Terry shared that she was not accustomed to singing for eight hours a day, but in doing this, she increased her vocal range by at least a third, without being tired vocally. The coaches taught excellent warm-up routines and strategies for care of the voice and body. She also noted how helpful it was to 'learn from the seminars on church music administration and developing young singers' as we look towards the growth of our children's choir at St. John's. She observed that 'the children's attention, discipline, and good humor were wonderful throughout this camp experience'. Both Abbey and Kaleb commented that the 'small details that we work on when preparing music for St. John's were often missing in this experience – the precise cut-offs, the attention to the pronunciation of each vowel sound'. Abbey said, "I didn't realize what level of comfort this gave me, as a singer, until I no longer had it. It made me appreciate Mr. Branyon and his insistence that each choir member take responsibility for these details in all the music we prepare for worship at St. John's".

It was my pleasure to introduce these three choir members to their musical grandfather: my music teacher, Murray Somerville, who made a short visit to the course during the week, and his wife, Hazel. After the course, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner with one of my very first choir members (now 44 years ago) from York, SC, Mary Jane Moore.

As a choirmaster, it is my dream to share these types of experiences with more of our youth and children. Our worship services are made up of at least 60% music. I invite you to join me as I seek to do my part in giving the gift of music to the next generation of worshippers at St. John's.



STEVEN BRANYON

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Project Sherpa

Do you find your physician visits overwhelming? Your Sherpa is a retired medical professional volunteering to accompany you to medical appointments with consent of the attending physician. Project Sherpa is a community service sponsored by the Edel Caregiver Institute of Hospice Savannah. Patients and caregivers are invited to call Jill at 912.629.1331 for more information.

Childhood Education

As I sit down to write this, the weather outside is mild for August with very little humidity. My first thought was, “feels like fall.” My next thought was, “already?” This summer has flown by, but I always do love fall and the beginning of a school year. It brings new pencils, notebooks, and a fresh new start. Speaking of a fresh new start, church school will begin Sunday, September 10, 2017. The schedule will be the same as last year.

9:30 a.m.

Adult, Youth, and Confirmation classes (3rd floor Cranmer Hall)

Nursery for infants and toddlers (1st floor Cranmer Hall)

Supervised fellowship for potty trained 3 years olds–5th grade
(2nd floor Cranmer Hall)

10:30 a.m.

Nursery for infants and toddlers (1st floor Cranmer Hall)

Fellowship, lesson, and music for potty trained 3 years olds–Kindergarten
(2nd floor Cranmer Hall)

Children in 1st–5th grades will attend church with their parents and follow cross over to Cranmer Hall for a lesson and fellowship time (2nd floor Cranmer Hall)

*All children are to be picked up at the conclusion of the 10:30 service.

We are in search of Sunday School teachers for the 1st–5th grade classes.

Please contact me at chayes@stjohnssav.org if you are willing to serve the church in this very special way!



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Sunday School September 2017

by: Jack C. Wray

Getting To Know Five Unknown Prophets

In the Broadway musical, *The King And I*, Gertrude Lawrence, opposite Yul Brynner, introduced some songs loved by so many people today. One is “Getting to Know You.” It may be a bit of a stretch, but there are a number of Old Testament books many of us may not have really gotten to know.

At the mention of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Moses, Jeremiah, and Isaiah, pictures and events flash before our eyes. But what about Joel, Obadiah, and Habakkuk, or Haggai and Malachi? In the Prayer Book list of morning and evening prayer lessons, these books/prophets rarely appear (pages x-xl). Yet they are very important people – and books – with strong themes and important messages for our daily living.

Joel, for example, sets the tone for our annual Lenten journey beginning with proper preparations on Ash Wednesday. These books also influenced much of the hymnody in many Protestant denominations such as “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” “This Is My Father’s World,” “On Jordan’s Bank” and “The God of Abraham Praise.”

These short books (totaling only 13 chapters) will be the content for our study beginning Sunday, September 10th. All are welcomed to attend. You can reach me at jcwrays12@gmail.com or 912.596.2950 if you have any questions.

St. John’s Prayer Circle

St. John’s Prayer Circle will begin this September on Wednesday, September 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Cranmer Hall on the first floor! This is a new ministry of the study and application of prayer based upon the Biblical and historical tradition of the Anglican Church.

We will meet the second Wednesdays of each month and welcome all who are interested. The Bible and the book, *E.M. Bounds On Prayer* are our resources. If you have any questions please contact either Karen Wray at 912.398.8006 or Lachlan Ivy at 912.665.3368.



BAPTISMS

On Saturday, May 6, 2017
Eleanor Glover Rivas
Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darren Rivas

On Sunday, June 1, 2017
Eleanor Rae Brigdon
Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hunter Morgan Brigdon, Jr.

On Saturday, June 24, 2017
Camden Bennett Craft
Son of Mr. Stewart Wigton Traver
and Ms. Amber Suzanne Craft

On Sunday, June 25, 2017
Pearce Reeve Peluso
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nicholas Peluso, Jr.

On Saturday, July 29, 2017
Edwin Wiley Doerre
Son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Edwin Doerre

LEFT: Scenes from Father Dunbar's 25th Anniversary Celebration.

ECW Board Members

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Pantry Aids

What Says Love Better Than A Home Cooked Meal?

Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one, the burdens of serious illness, or the delight of a new baby in the family knows how important it is to be able to share both grief and joy with friends who care. Here at St. John's, there is a special group of women who like to express that caring with a comforting gift to parishioners going through some of the challenging moments that life presents to us all. Wishing to heal the body as well as the spirit, these Pantry Aid ladies deliver a nutritious hot meal as a very concrete expression of that caring. Chaired by Caroline Berry, this committee of the Women of St. John's has the delightful team of Cathy Baxter, Jan Corley, Penny Farley, Melanie Finnegan, Jeanne Glover, and Sherry Holtzclaw cooking up delicious meals to be delivered for both times of joy and times of sorrow. If you know of a member of the congregation for whom a meal from these ladies would be comforting, please do call the church office at 912.232.1251.

ECW Outreach

by: Mary Soule, Outreach Chair

Bethesda Orphan House and Academy, now known as Bethesda Academy, was founded in 1740 by one of the giants of American religious history, the Rev. George Whitefield. It is the oldest child caring institution in the United States with a 277 year history. It has gone from an orphanage of 61 children to a middle and high school academy preparing young men for college, career, and a life of service to their family, community, and nation. The core values remain: a love of God, a love of learning, and a strong work ethic.

The school is positioned on a 650 acre campus overlooking Moon River. The school serves boys from sixth grade through twelfth grade and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The four year graduation rate is 95% and 85% of the students attend college while the other 15% enter the military or the workforce. This is compared to the Georgia statistics of 65% and 49% while South Carolina is 62% and 42%.

Bethesda Academy has an organic farming and a wildlife management program. There is also a nationally ranked chess team and a variety of athletic teams. In addition, the school offers Bible Study classes, weekly chapel services, and cottage and staff devotionals. The students are continually reminded they are loved by God and the values they are taught are His values. These goals are in a Christian but non-sectarian environment.

For financial support there is an annual Gala and a Sporting Clays event. The Women's Board of Bethesda, active since 1913, organizes the Yates-Astro Resolution Race Trail Run & Walk 5k to raise funds. During the hunting season, Bethesda Academy Wildlife Sanctuary & Preserve schedules occasional public Pheasant Shoots. Then one can do what the ECW does, make a donation to this worthwhile program.

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of those who have departed this life.

Wyatt Chadwick Fields

John Martin Marks

Albert Bullman Lufburrow

Howard Charlton Kearns

Roy Allen Brown

Rest Eternal Grant Unto Them, O Lord; And Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them.

Rector's Rambles

Remembering Delores Jardine: "The Mistress Of The Monster"

Older parishioners of St. John's Church will remember Delores Jardine, who was the Organist and Choir Director during the early 1970's during the rectorship of Father Paul Pritchatt and of Father William Ralston when he was called to St. John's Church in March 1974. Delores served St. John's until her retirement in July 1983.

There was a story Father Ralston often told, how early in the days of his ministry as rector, he learned of Delores' extraordinary energy, wit, and musical talent. Early after his arrival, St. John's hosted a Savannah Convocation (a gathering of local clergy and lay leaders) where the Reverend Gerry Meachem, then organist and choir master at Christ Church, introduced and welcomed Father Ralston to those attending. Father Meachem then turned toward Delores – who was sitting on the organ bench of the old Austin Organ in preparation for the service to follow – and introduced her as the "Mistress of the Monster" ...well, needless to say, all eyes then fixed on Father Ralston, not realizing that Father Meachem was referring to the almost defunct old pipe organ and not Father Ralston. At this unintentional *double entendre*, Father Ralston burst into laughter – and Delores never missed a beat. Father Ralston loved to tell that story, and laughed uproariously every time he told it.

But Father Meachem was right about Delores' mastery of the organ and piano. Born on August 2, 1917, and raised in Savannah, she was a young teenager during the Great Depression, and for a time she was the only member of her family with job – or rather three jobs – playing the organ for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, playing piano for a dance school and playing piano for a local radio station on Saturday nights. She was a woman of superior intelligence and scholarship. She skipped two grades and after graduating from Savannah High School at the age of 15 and was in the first class at Armstrong Junior College. She transferred from there to the University of Georgia as a music major and became a student of Dr. Hugh Hodson, the head of the UGA music department. Music scholarships were extremely rare in those days, rarer still due to the Great Depression, and because of his interest in her musical abilities and scholarship, Dr. Hodson went to the UGA athletic department and was granted a football scholarship for Delores. While a student at UGA she played piano for several choral groups and for a male quartet on one of the Atlanta radio stations every Saturday.

In 1938 she married the Reverend Clyde Jardine, an Episcopal priest, and with him served in parishes in Statesboro, Georgia; Mobile, Alabama; Helena, Arizona and Keokuk, Iowa. From the 1950's to the 1970's she was the music director and accompanist for the Miss America Pageant pageants in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Alabama. Delores was the accompanist and coach in Atlantic City for many contestants, but especially for two consecutive Miss Americas who were room-mates from the University of Mississippi, Chi Omega Sorority: Mary Ann Mobley, Miss America 1959, and Lynda Lee Mead, Miss America 1960. In the summer of 1964, she played piano for the Arkansas Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

When her husband retired in 1967, they returned to Savannah, where she became the church organist first at Aldersgate Methodist Church, and then at St. John's, while offering private instruction for adults and children. When Delores retired in 1983 and Kenneth Yates became organist-choirmaster of St. John's, she happily served as pianist for the Church School and substituted for him at times he was away. Delores was known for her gracious manner and was a legendary hostess for many choir parties in her home. Always the life of the party with her incredible piano playing and unlimited memory of countless tunes, former choir member, James Earl Wrenn, remembers he never set a date for any cocktail party in his home before he called Delores to make sure she would be there.



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Always one of great resource, Delores saved the day on a number of occasions at the organ bench of the “old, exasperated” 1921-vintage Austin Organ; either correcting an errant pipe (cipher) or tightening a piece of baling wire to hold some parts together. In the course of one service, Delores noticed smoke coming out of the old organ chamber. Unflappable, she finished playing the appointed hymn, quietly moved from the bench, picked up a fire extinguisher, entered the smoking chamber and with grand sweeps put out the fire. She continued playing for the rest of the service while Father Ralston strove mightily to maintain his decorum and example for the acolytes and choir.

In 1998, Delores moved to Gainesville, Georgia, where she lived and kept playing the piano for many social and religious events until her death on November 11, 2016. She also worked in the Northeast Georgia Food Pantry (donations can be made c/o Mary Lynn Coyle, 1945 Blue Ridge Drive, Gainesville, GA 30501). Fittingly, her well-layed Baldwin piano was given to Grace Church in Gainesville, her daughter Mary’s parish church, where it replaced a small inadequate spinet.

by: Fr Dunbar, with contributions by Wesley Krulic, James Earl Wrenn, and Mary Jardine

Tours of St. John’s Church

by: Jack C. Wray

Since we began offering church tours in January, the success has exceeded all expectations. We now have ten tour guides, plus two preparing and three indicating interest later this fall or the first of next year. We began with two days a week coinciding with the Green-Meldrim House tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Now we are fully staffed four days a week; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, two hours each day, either 10:00a.m. - noon, or 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The tours are drawing an average of fifty people per day. Certainly God’s blessings are prevailing.

So what are we really doing? I see two goals we are accomplishing. First, these tours are a witness of our congregation to the community. We are witnessing our belief in the Grace of God and are participating in Jesus’ sending out His disciples to declare the mighty acts of God. This is the work of the congregation, witnessing. Second, we are opening our beautiful building as a witness to our Christian beliefs through beautiful architecture, colorful symbols, extraordinary music, and exceptionally beautiful stained glass artwork. All of this is our witness to the community in which St. John’s is located. On several occasions, visitors have been able to hear our beautiful organ thanks to Steven Branyon and Angela Fisher.

We are not conducting tours for self-adulation, fundraising, or any other worldly purposes. Tours are our witness to God and our thanks for His love and forgiveness. I am most grateful for Audrey Allgaier, Holly McClellan, Kristen DeRienzo, Frank and Denny Somoskey, Joe Flanders, Leslie Johnson, Mick McCay, and Ray Summerell who are guiding; Shannon Alva and Lee Taylor who are training; and Franklin Williams, Kran Riddle, and Sean Finnegan who have expressed an interest in touring at a later date. Most especially, I am grateful for the help Wendy Corbin and Janice Woods have offered in coordinating the church calendar.

Please contact me at jcwrays12@gmail.com or 912.596.2950 to discuss opportunities to serve.



The Men of St. John's Church

The Men of St. John's have stayed busy in the summer months with Bible Study, Usher duties, and planning for an active fall. We also hosted a very successful fundraiser event for the Green Furniture Restoration Project on May 25th at the Green-Meldrim House. Thank you especially to our event chairman, Joe Mercer, and to his team of volunteers who made this event possible. Thank you also to the Women of St. John's, and the "Sensational Seven" for the amazing food, to Tracey Inglesby for the beautiful flower arrangements, and to Emily Mello for design assistance. Susan Arden-Joly gave an informative talk about the project, highlighting the many people who made this project possible and discussing the history of some of the pieces. Through the generous participation of our guests, and the very kind contributions from anonymous donors, the Men were able to contribute \$5,000 after event expenses to partner with the Women of St. John's, for the restoration of the rosewood sofa, in honor of Father Dunbar's 25th Anniversary of his Ordination.

Let's all work to create a culture of caring at St. John's, within our church, and within our community. Take the time to introduce yourself to other parishioners you do not know or have never even met. When we come together as a parish community, we can accomplish great things, with a meaningful impact on the lives of parishioners and members of our larger community. This I believe is part of the focus of the 2030 plan for St. John's Church. So many talented church leaders have committed their time and energy to the 2030 plan and have reached out to many of you. I would like to ask the Men of St. John's to accept the challenge when asked to serve and to think of ways in which your service can be more meaningful to you and enrich the lives of your family, your church, and your community. While the Bible affirms the equality of men and women, we are called as Men to be the spiritual heads of our households, so it really is of utmost importance that we accept the responsibility. Most of us serve in some capacity, but I would like for us all to think of ways to share our faith and our story at St. John's to many others in our community. Please invite, welcome, and connect others to what we have to offer at St. John's, remembering Christ did not intend his disciples to be a well-kept secret. As we plan our fall schedule, we will have a couple of fun, engaging events that may serve as a perfect gateway to St. John's. Stay tuned for more details and please do not hesitate to reach out if the Men of St. John's can assist you in finding your place to serve. "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant" (Matthew 20:27).



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ABOVE LEFT: Joe Mercer, chairman of the Green Restoration fundraiser, hands a check to Susan Arden-Joly on behalf of the Men of St. John's. ABOVE RIGHT: Father Dunbar poses next to the rosewood sofa the Women of St. John's and the Men of St. John's are having restored in his honor.

Green Restoration Fundraiser



Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful event!



Holly Days Chili



2 lbs ground beef	2 tsp salt	2 tsp black pepper
1 medium onion, minced	4 tbsp chili powder	16 oz tomato sauce
2 green peppers, minced	32 oz red kidney beans or black beans, with juice	
2 tsp ground cumin	32 oz whole tomatoes, with juice	

Brown ground beef in large pot and drain off fat. Add remaining ingredients to beef and cook over low heat for an hour or more. Stir often to prevent scalding at the bottom of the pot.

For freezing: Place pot of chili in sink, surround with ice, and stir occasionally until chili is room temperature. Chili can be double-bagged in regular ziplock bags for your freezer racks.

Consider making an extra batch for the Bazaar! Please bring donations to Cranmer Hall.



Holly Days Vegetable Soup



2 lbs ground beef	2 tsp salt	2 tsp black pepper
1 medium onion, minced	1 zucchini, diced	3 stalks celery, diced
2 green peppers, minced	2 bay leaves	32 oz diced tomatoes
3 c. beef broth	6 c. water	

Frozen vegetables such as mixed veggies, green beans, lima beans, corn (pick 3)

Brown ground beef in large pot; drain off fat. Add onions, zucchini, and celery, and peppers. Cook 5-10 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and cook over low heat for an hour or more. Stir often to prevent scalding at the bottom of the pot. Remove bay leaves.

For freezing: Place pot of soup in sink, surround with ice, and stir occasionally until soup is room temperature. Soup can be double-bagged in regular ziplock bags for your freezer racks.

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*Save these cards for your recipe box!
And please consider making soup or chili for the 2017 Bazaar!*

Meet Melanie Finnegan - Our Bazaar Chairman

The very first Sunday that I attended a service at St. John's, Fr. Dunbar quipped that a projector and band would be present within the week... and my heart sank. Luckily for me, he was joking, and I have been a happy parishioner at St. John's for over ten years. My husband, Sean, and I were married in 2012 in the chapel and welcomed our son, Patrick, in 2013. Our appreciation for St. John's Church, the ministry, and parish family has grown exponentially over the years.

I fondly remember enjoying the Holly Days Bazaar luncheon and shopping opportunities in my early years in Savannah. I have spent a small fortune on Candlelight Dinner tickets and consoled my yearly loss with delicious wine from the Silent Auction and a big piece of cake from the dessert table.

I served as a docent at the Green-Meldrim House for about seven years before taking a break to focus on baby Patrick. As he grew a bit, I enjoyed the opportunity to volunteer for and then chair the Take-Out section of the Bazaar.

When I was asked to chair the Bazaar this year, I felt honored and nervous. Needless to say, the Holly Days Bazaar is a long standing tradition at Saint John's and I am privileged to help lead it this year. I am excited to implement a few changes that will help all of our efforts earn more funds to share with our philanthropies. My goal is to make the Bazaar meaningful for our volunteers, enjoyable for our guests and beneficial for those we serve.

Preparations are well underway for the event which will be held on Wednesday, November 8th and Thursday, November 9th. The Women of St. John's are the most capable and determined group of volunteers I have ever had the pleasure to work with and I know this will be another amazing year! Donations from all parishioners are greatly appreciated and currently being accepted for Jane's Canners, crafts, soup/chili, and online thrift sales; donations for White Elephant, Books and Treasures will be collected beginning November 5, 2017. If you would like to volunteer during the Bazaar or have any questions, please feel free to ask!



MELANIE FINNEGAN

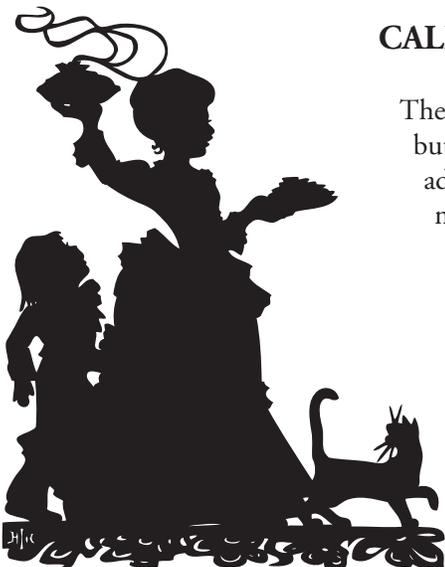
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Bazaar Notes and Needs



CALLING ONE AND ALL...

The chairperson(s) and committee members for each section are already hard at work, but we need support from the entire church to make this year's Bazaar successful. In addition to the donation and volunteer opportunities listed on the following pages, we need volunteers to help the Check-Out process and support the Candlelight Dinner ticket sales and Garden Shop. Finally, we are in need of gentlemen volunteers to help dish up the food to our Take-Out customers and help control the parking lot.

Please let me, Melanie Finnegan, know if you are interested in volunteering for the Bazaar! If you cannot help during the event itself, there are many ways to contribute beforehand. If you would like to contribute or volunteer, but do not know exactly where you might fit, please feel free to contact me and we'll figure it out together. There is a place for everyone, and IT'S ALWAYS A LOT OF FUN!

SILENT AUCTION

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The Silent Auction team is busy collecting treasures! The team has already secured many items, including a murder mystery party in the library at Wormsloe! If you would like to donate fine furniture or art, a vacation rental or party, or items like wine or jewelry, please contact Coren. Bidding will open Sunday, November 5th, during Coffee Hour!

WHITE ELEPHANT

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The White Elephant Sale is getting an upgrade this year! Because of limited space, we are looking for furniture, china sets, silver, jewelry, nice handbags and quality linens. Donations will be taken Sunday, November 5th, after Coffee Hour, through Tuesday, November 7th. The White Elephant Sale will be open BOTH days of the Bazaar! Please note that we will not accept the following items: Baby/Children Toys, Pillows, Luggage, Electronics, Plastic ware (including Tupperware and kitchen utensils), Clothing, Shoes, excessively worn, dirty, or rusty items. If you cannot hold certain items, they may be sold via social media prior to the Bazaar. Please contact Caroline or Nita Ann with questions.

TREASURE ROOM

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The Treasure Room for the 2017 Holly Days Bazaar is up and running! Please call Holly for pick-up at any time. We need your treasures: silver, antiques, good china, accessories, crystal, art work, and collectibles are encouraged. We will be set up in Cranmer Hall in the down stairs nursery room and open for both days of the Bazaar. This area should give us a wonderful boutique vibe! Get busy, and clean your attics and closets so we will have lots of treasures to sell!!!

CHILDREN'S CAMP

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If you would like to volunteer at the Bazaar, but need childcare, please contact Caroline. Children of volunteers will enjoy a day at 'camp.' Remember to pack a lunch for your child.

BOOKS

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We are looking for volunteers to work book set up and sales. Books will be located on the first floor of Cranmer Hall this year and open for both days of the Bazaar, so we expect to sell a lot of books! We are looking for all kinds of books—from adult books to youth and children's books; fiction and non-fiction; hard bound and paper back. Please indicate if any books are rare or collectible. Book collection will begin November 5th, but if you cannot hold the books until then, we will try to store them at our home. Please contact Kathryn or Karen with donations or questions.

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Many volunteers are needed to help make sandwiches and salads (Laura) and to prepare drinks and serve our guests in the Green-Meldrim House (Grace and Richie). We serve lunch to hundreds of people each day of the Bazaar and need many hands to keep everything running smoothly. To sign up for either of these teams, please call the chairman.

SOUP & CHILI

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Did you know that we serve nearly 60 gallons of homemade soup and chili during the Bazaar? We need your help to stock the Cranmer Hall freezer full of these homemade goodies. Please see the recipe cards on Page 16 of this publication or pick up a copy at Coffee Hour. Donations are accepted every Sunday at Cranmer Hall.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

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We are looking for people to create and donate arts and craft items for the Bazaar. The group will also meet in September. Donations are needed prior to the Bazaar so items may be priced and displayed properly. If you are crafty, please contact Martha with any questions or donations.

DESSERTS

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We would so appreciate our regulars bringing desserts for the Bazaar luncheon days! In addition, we need many of the younger generations to volunteer and help us with homemade cakes, pies, and desserts! The hallmark of our offerings is homemade desserts and real whipped cream! Thank you so much for helping us! Please contact Marsha or Shannon with any questions or to sign up to help.

JANE'S CANNERS

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The canning group has been meeting weekly to prepare items for the Bazaar and has already produced hundreds of canned goodies! To support our efforts, we need donations of pears, apples, figs, peppers, and Jerusalem Artichokes. We can always use half pint jars and sugar too. Please contact Jane or Robbie with questions or donations.

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