

CHOIR

“When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!” *(taken from Hymn #420)*

Our God has given us the beauty of music as a means of creating a habitation for Him, to sing his praises, and to lift the heart, mind and spirit of the congregation. Our choir has a special ministry in leading the congregation in our hymns, as well as providing anthems and other music during the Offertory and Holy Communion at our 10:30 service and other special services throughout the year.

This year we've enhanced our praise by singing the Psalter, bringing special focus to the Psalms. Also, the addition of new voices in our choir allows us to present more challenging music, and bringing a new fullness of sound to our choir.

We welcome anyone who wants to “Sing God's Praises” to join our choir family. The choir rehearses on Wednesdays at 2:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. Please feel free to bring your voice of praise to the rehearsal, and if you need further information please call.

Rick Dahlinger, Choir Director

COUNTERS-BEHIND THE SCENE VOLUNTEERS

These six volunteers, Lee Carter, Porter Downey, Terry Fisher, Don Leuallen, Glanville Phillips and Jeanne Vollmer are some of the volunteers working behind the scenes at St. Margaret's. They meet every week rain or shine and are the CHURCH COUNTERS. This important job goes on year round and they can always use people, who they will train, for fill in when needed. If you feel that this is something you can do to help St. Margaret's, please get in touch with the church office. If you can use the computer that's a plus, but isn't a necessity.

Two more volunteers, who work behind the scenes, are Terry Newberry, and Pat Edmunds who write the checks for the church. Their job takes hours of work each week and is a big help to our church treasurer, Sandy Chadwick.

These people are just some of the volunteers that help to make St. Margaret's run smoothly. There are many others working behind the scenes, doing other jobs, and there is always room for more.

CURSILLO REPORT

The word Cursillo means “a short course”. It has come to us from the Spanish Roman Catholics. The purpose of the Cursillo movement is to help Christians to reach a deeper relationship with God and to help them to understand their individual calling to be Christian leaders.

It has been my extreme pleasure to have been the Cursillo Coordinator for the past 8 years. During that time I have seen 16 more pilgrims begin their lives as Cursillistas. We now number 41 and are still growing. We have 4 prospective pilgrims for this upcoming year.

The Cursillo movement is very active here at St. Margaret's thanks to God's Holy Grace and the support of our Clergy, all of whom are Cursillistas.

In addition to our activities of grouping, hosting and attending Ultreyas, we are a servant community and as such, we are very busy in all areas of our church.

It is with a joyful heart that I announce we are beginning the new year with a new coordinator. Merilyn Johnson has graciously agreed to take over these duties. This is truly a blessing for us. She brings with her vast experience at all levels of Cursillo.

I want to thank all of you for your support and encouragement. Being our coordinator has been one of the best experiences of my life. It is with great joy and anticipation that I look forward to the future under the guidance of Merilyn.

Your sister in Christ, Terry Newberry

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

The Order of the Daughters of the King
Augusta Brumby Chapter

As Daughters we take a lifetime vow to live by the Daughter's Rule of life that is Prayer and Service. We pray daily for the spread of Christ's Kingdom and for God's blessing upon the members of the Order and the prosperity of our parish.

This year we have prepared and served several funeral receptions and the Annual meeting.

At the present time we have twenty eight members with two studying to be installed in January. This year we are sponsoring a young seminary student Rena Lowe as our project.

Mardell Kuhn
President
For His Sake

FEED MY SHEEP

Meals served -3350 Cost per plate - \$.70

Another year has successfully past. Feed My Sheep depends on the wonderful volunteers, which about half are not members of St. Margaret's. The program also depends on the generous donations by Publix, Sweetbay, Citrus Memorial Health Community and Skoors along with the individual donations of food and money. We give a great big Thank You!!

We are at the start of 2012, anticipating an increase in food prices along with other increases. With the financial atmosphere and the great need for feeding the less fortunate, we are praying for the opportunity to successfully continue this program.

Cans Recycled-\$185 for the Food Pantry

Cathi Smith

FIRST STEP

The seventh year of First Step, our shoe program for Citrus County children, was the easiest, not due to fewer shoes but due to the Boys and Girls Club efforts in providing names, ages and shoe sizes.

Mardell Kuhn helped me put the shoes and supplies into "brown paper bags" which were labeled with each child's name. Then the Boys and Girls Club picked the bags up here at St. Margaret's and distributed the bags to the children.

Once again the congregation provided the funds for the shoes and supplies. Due to their generosity this year, we are able to put some "seed money" into the account, which is \$293.89 cents, for the eighth year.

I want to thank everyone for their contribution and generosity to First Step, this year insures another year of a very important outreach to the community.

In the Lord's service,

Yvonne "Bonnie" Kuntz

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry here at St. Margaret's has had another busy year. We saw an increase in the number of families seeking help. An increase in the number of members in households was also noted. While we have a core of senior citizens we see every month, we recorded an increase in the number of families with children. The number of children served has increased by approximately 25%. We serve an average of 100 households a month providing between 600 and 800 meals a month.

Deacon Barbara applied for a grant from Sweetbay and we received a new refrigerator/freezer this year.

Our volunteers have contributed over 1500 hours of service during the year. A concerted effort is being made to utilize the resources the congregation provides to maximize their benefits.

While other food pantries in the county run out of food periodically, we have not experienced this problem thanks to the generosity of the parishioners.

We continue to operate on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:45 am.
Nancy Purdy

MEN AND WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Men and Women's Club meet on the second Saturday of each month. Attendance averages from 15 to 20 members of the parish who gather to have breakfast together and then to do work that is needed around the church. Maintenance includes the upkeep of the church buildings including painting and removal of leaf litter from the roof, lawn, walks, and parking areas. There can always be found someone picking up outside after a storm. The kitchen gets a thorough cleaning by the women each month. Jim Stone has done a tremendous job of updating and repairing the lighting and electrical systems both inside and outside. This group also plays a large role in putting on fund raising dinners for the church. We enjoy a great Saturday morning of fellowship and a feeling of accomplishment in keeping the church and grounds looking like something to be proud of.

Respectively submitted,
Andy Rose, Vestry Liaison person to the Men and Women's Club

PASTORAL CARE COMMISSION

The mission of the Pastoral Care Commission is to supply love, care, nurturing and support through the example of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This past year we have sent out approximately 100 get well and thinking of you cards. There were approximately 25 sympathy cards sent out. Quarterly, we assemble gift baskets that we deliver to the sick and shut-ins of our congregation. This was the second year that we participated in the collection of Shoe Boxes for Samaritan's Purse, and collected 71 boxes. We put on the Newcomers Dinner in February, bringing the information of all ministries to the new members of our congregation. The money we use comes from the Birthday/Anniversary box and for the third year we held the Cookie Jubilee; we raised \$420.00. Thank you to all who donated the delectable delights and cookie tins.

Your sister in Christ,
Paula Reuman

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We restarted Sunday School as an after-church activity in June. The children are fed lunch around 12:15 and the school starts at 12:45 and runs to 1:30 PM. The lessons are primarily based on the week's gospel lesson for 3 to 4 Sundays a month and the other Sunday is a fun event. So far, the fun events have included bowling, a visit to the Homosassa Wildlife Park, a Fall Festival, and pool parties/picnics at Whispering Pines Park. The new format seems to have stabilized attendance, which ranges from 2 to 13 children per week and averages around 7 students. Bob Radcliffe took the middle grades for the summer, but I have been the only teacher since then. We could use another teacher(s) to take the elementary age children. That would allow me to have smaller, quieter classes for the middle-schoolers and lessons more tailored to their age group. So far, the children's parents have been very good about helping with and pitching in on the fun events and there have been no problems with staffing them. With Sunday School moving into the former time slot as the Youth Group, the difference between these two programs has become blurred, with the Youth Group primarily focusing on activities outside of Sunday School.

Steve Farnsworth

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School was held this past summer with St. James AME Church. While we had hoped for more participation from St. James, we are grateful for the participation we did have.

We had a dedicated staff of teachers and helpers, including a great kitchen crew and helpers. Crafts were co-coordinated to go with the theme of each day.

Classes were ranged from the nursery through adults, with a special class on worship, explaining the liturgy and symbols so that the children would have a better understanding of our Sunday worship. The general theme was *"Upside Down on Main Street, where Jesus makes a difference everyday"*.

Our thanks to all for your support in making Vacation Bible School an important part of our Christian Education Ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Margaret R. Ohsiek

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group met nearly weekly until May and attended the Emerge weekend retreat at Camp Wingmann in March. The group focused on getting most of its members to a Camp Wingmann session in July, but otherwise went into a pause over the summer after Michelle Jones resigned as youth minister. When it became clear that the paid youth minister position would have to be discontinued due to budget shortfalls, the youth group parents banded together to continue the group, with myself as the lead person. With Sunday School moving into the former time slot as the Youth Group, the difference between these two programs has become blurred, with the Youth Group primarily focusing on activities outside of Sunday School. The Youth Group, following the strengths of the parents, now has a stronger focus on church and community service activities and recreational opportunities, and a somewhat lesser focus on life-style education.

Since re-forming this fall, the Youth Group has held a car wash fund-raising, participated in Coastal Cleanup, had a fall sleepover, and gone caroling to local nursing homes. We are going to take responsibility for the weeding in the Memorial Garden and should be doing some tree planting at the church shortly. We plan to attend the diocesan middle school retreat weekend this spring, and possibly do some water sports when the weather warms up. The Youth Group has about 10 members participating in its events, and is predominantly middle schoolers. Our high school members have either graduated or moved on to other things. We have also relaxed the strict requirement that you must be in middle school in order to be part of the Youth Group, and have been including the older elementary schoolers in most of our events. My personal employment situation is uncertain at this time, but I intend to stay active with the Youth Group as long as my personal situation allows it.

Steve Farnsworth

VESTRY BIOS



James Adcock

I am a veteran of WWII. I served in the US Army as a Military Policeman in the occupation of Berlin. I graduated from Wake Forest University in August 1951 with a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration. I married Leesa Rousseau November 1st. 1952. My business career was spent with Best Foods as District Sales Manager of the Carolinas, and with Knouse Foods as Regional Sales Manager of the Southeast and Southwestern Regions of the United States.

Leesa and I have two grown children and five grandchildren. I worked along with Leesa while she was Senior Warden while we were without a Priest. Leesa was reelected to the vestry again in 2005. Leesa passed away in October 2007.

I was confirmed here at St. Margaret's by Bishop Howe. I was appointed by Fr. Gene to fill out Leesa's term on the Vestry in 2007, and was elected to the Vestry in 2008. I served as Sr. Warden of the Vestry in 2010. I would be honored to serve you and all the members of St. Margaret's again if you saw fit to elect me to the Vestry!

Yours In Christ

Jim Adcock



Dorothy Klaczko

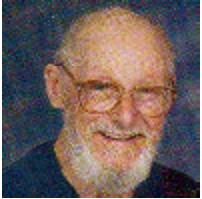
Prior to locating to Inverness, I was a resident of Camillus, New York with my husband, Nick, where I was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church. After the passing of my husband in 1995, since I had two sisters living in Inverness, I made a very big decision to make a move to Inverness in June of 1997. At that time, I became a member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church.

While in Camillus, I was employed by Sentry Insurance where I enjoyed a very rewarding career for 41 years. I was fully licensed for commercial and personal lines, as well as, life, health, pensions and annuities. At the time of my retirement, I was Office/Sales Support Manager and Conference Coordinator.

At St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, it has been my pleasure to serve on the Altar Guild, as well as, being a member of the Daughters of the King. I also help out in other areas when needed.

My fourteen plus years at St. Margaret's have been most enjoyable and I have met many fantastic people. I hope to be here for many years. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve on the Vestry, and if elected, I will do my best to fulfill the required duties.

Yours in Christ.



Leon Palmer

Born and raised Episcopalian, Doris and I have been members of St. Margaret's for more than five years and attend the 8:00 am service. I am now an LEM, serving at the Altar and along with Doris take Communion to shut in's and do Hospital visitation. I have been on Vestry, serving as Sr Warden, Jr Warden , Custodian and Treasurer. I am more then willing to assume other duties as needed.

Jerry Reeves



Jackie and I where married in Indiana 1976.We moved to Alabama in 1986 a town called Odenville, 30 miles east of Birmingham. The move was job related where I was Store Manager for Ames Taping Tools. Jackie and I were members of St. Simon Peter Episcopal Church in Pell City Al, for eight years. After retiring in 2002, in 2003 we bought property in Inverness Fl. In 2004 we moved into our new home and the same month of July we started attending St. Margaret's Church. I previously served as a vestry member and Junior Warden. I am currently active in the Men's Club and Jackie and I are ushers at the 10:30 service. I would like to serve St. Margaret's once again as a vestry member.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Jerry Reeves