

The Messenger

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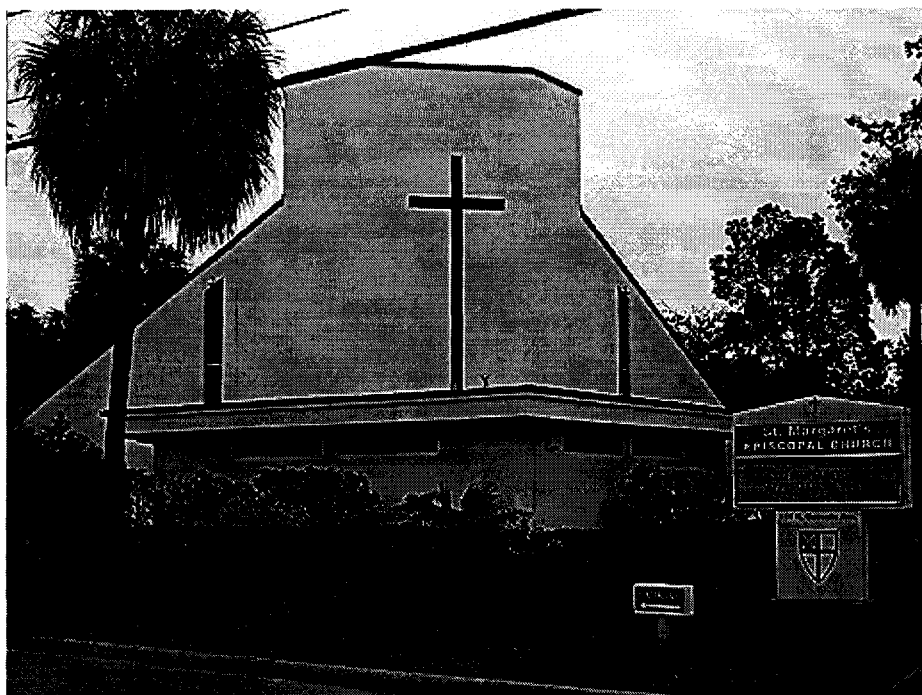
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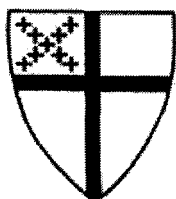
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NOVEMBER





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My dear friends in Christ,

The time is quickly approaching when Pastor Reuman and your vestry will have to sit down and formulate our budget for 2012. Because of how difficult the economy has been, this will be an especially challenging task this year.

As many of you know, I spend my summers in New Hampshire. While I was there this past summer, I attended the church where I was formerly a member for thirty years; where I served on the vestry for nine years, was junior and senior warden, was a lay reader and played in our bell choir. The reason I am relating this to you is to show you how involved I was with this parish. I still have many friends there but two weeks ago when I returned to Inverness and I walked into St. Margaret's last Sunday, I had the overwhelming feeling that I had TRULY come home. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this church and this church family.

I am sure that most of you share my love for St. Margaret's. We are so blessed to have such a strong and caring leader in Pastor Gene and such a devoted staff of personnel. But, my friends, it is all of you who make this such a great place to worship. I have never been a part of a church where I feel the presence of the Holy Spirit like I do here at St. Margaret's. We have so many willing people who show up and volunteer their time and talents. Whether it is our Men and Women's Association work days, our Feed My Sheep program, our Food Pantry program, our choir, to name a few, we rarely have a shortage of volunteers. However, although our volunteers have a wonderful presence here, they are just one part of our ability to carry out God's work.

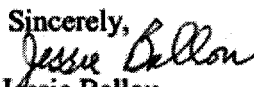
We all know from managing our own homes and businesses that it takes more than willing participants to keep everything going. Like all of you, St Margaret's has many bills that we must meet each month. We as a vestry, along with Pastor Gene, try our best to keep our expenses as low as possible.

I am proud to be a part of St Margaret's and so proud that as a small parish we are able to do so much. Last year we were able to give \$16000 of outreach to help those in need in our own community here in Inverness.

God has called us to do his work in the world and we do it with great joy. We will always continue to try to do this. Therefore, once again we are asking for your continued support and help in the coming year. We are asking for you to be as generous as you are able in your giving and pledges for 2012.

Our pledge Sunday will be November 20th. We are requesting that you return your pledge cards on or before that day so we might have an idea of our finances for the coming year.

God bless all of you and may He continue to pour out his love and blessings on all of us. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jessie Ballou
Your Senior Warden

Ruminations

“Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth...” (Deut. 6:17-18)

Where has the year gone? It hardly seems possible that it is already late October, and November is nearly here; Advent, Christmas, and the New Year, are just around the bend! It is that time of year when we look at budgets and make our plans for the various ministry opportunities and programs for the New Year. We are set to begin retelling anew the age-old story of Jesus, and His Love.

The retelling of His Story is what the Church does best, through her hymns, liturgy, and sacraments; for each is based upon Holy Scripture. In addition the Gospel is lived out in the outreach and compassion shown to those in need in our communities. Our Sunday School and youth activities are all centered upon discipling our youth for Christ, in these very unsettling times.

As you have probably already guessed, this month's Ruminations column is about Stewardship. In the Messenger, you will find your "Stewardship" letter, prepared by our Senior Warden, Jessie Ballou; along with your pledge card for 2012,) which we hope you will bring to church and turn-in on Sunday, Nov 20

Jessie has given an excellent witness of her personal commitment to St. Margaret's, and her spiritual growth in the area of financial stewardship through the years. However, I would like to remind each of you that Stewardship is not about simply raising the funds to balance the books for 2012, or for future years. It is about having grateful hearts: every minute of every day of every week of every month of every year. It is to empower God's people to see that Almighty God created all

things, and owns all things and that we actually own very little, if anything! All that we have, everything, is a gift from God! The air we breathe, the water we drink, the land we live on, the food we eat, the very heart that beats within our breast, is a gift from God! We are called upon to be stewards of His gifts; to use them wisely.

We are always tempted to say that the strength of our own hand, the hard work we accomplished, the prowess of our intellect, has gotten us these things, this wealth! Who was it that blessed you with strength of hand, the fortitude, the perseverance, and the direction, to accomplish the work, which you have accomplished; the very intellect with which you were blessed? Was it not Almighty God? Was it not His Providence, which did the providing?

Think back over the past 10 1/2 years, what we have accomplished by working together; we have, with the Lord's Blessing, accomplished much to His Glory! Over the past few years, in addition to our regular budget, which has averaged some \$219,000, we paid-off the mortgage on the New Ministry Building, of some \$115,000; and have banked additional gifts of now nearly \$192,000, for our Growth and Expansion Fund. In addition we have as a congregation, given away in excess of \$10,000 each year, to help others in need; this past year, well over \$14,000. Your fellow church members have given of their time, talents, and treasure to accomplish these goals. It takes team work, and dedication... in a word true stewardship of God's gifts!

Several have shared with me great concern about what the future might hold: we never fully know! God calls us to be faithful: I intend to be, will you be faithful with me?

Faithfully yours, Pastor Gene+

Pastoral Care Commission Christmas boxes
We are again this year collecting the boxes filled with school supplies, toys, hygiene items (no liquids), individually wrapped hard candy in a zip lock bag, tshirts, flashlights with extra batteries, hair clips, toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloths, bars of soap, combs. We are asking this year that as you put together your box lift it in prayer that God will touch each child that receives a box, that they will come to know and Love the Lord. If you would like to you may write a note to them and put your first name and last name initial. They love to receive pictures of the people that put the box together for them. You may also put on the note St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Inverness, Florida. This can be done instead of your private information. You can also go on-line and register your box. You will be sent an email to let you know where you box was delivered to. We will be collecting the Shoeboxes on Tuesday, Nov 8 and Wednesday Nov 9 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Thank you. Your sister in Christ, Paula Reuman.

Our next Pastoral Care meeting is, Thursday, November 10 ,2011 at 10:15 am in the New Ministry building. We welcome both men and women to join. Hope to see you there.

Ice is a real pain relief isn't it. You put it on your sore muscles and they feel better, no? But do you have ICE in your cell phone?

Our community newsletter reported that a Deputy from the Citrus County Sheriff's Department, informed us that if you put ICE in your cell phone, it will also help them in an emergency! You see if, God forbid, you ever get into an accident and you are unable to communicate to the police, they will look to see if you have a cell phone. If they find one, the first thing they will look for is who to contact. Since they do not know, they will look for ICE in your contact list. ICE stands for "In Case of Emergency" ICE.

It is a very simple entry to make. Simply edit your most important contact with the letters ICE

Do you have old sheers or towels ? They make into gowns or bibs for Hospice. Thank you Muriel Vebsky.....there are a few baked potato bags if anyone needs any.

FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL NEEDS CLIENTS

We have a few folks who require special purchasing for their grocery needs. We wondered if anyone would be interested in adopting (or joining with another person) in adopting a "Special Needs Food Pantry Client"? If so contact Nancy Purdy or Deacon Barbara.

Memorial Garden

Please do not use glass containers for flowers in the garden, use plastic vases with wide bases, these withstand being blown over by the wind

Credit Reporting Bureaus

- Equifax: (800) 525-6285
P.O. Box 740241 Atlanta, GA 30374
- Experian: (888) 397-3742
P.O. Box 9530 Allen, TX 75013
- Trans Union: (800) 680-7289
P.O. Box 6790 Fullerton, CA 92834

Credit Reports

You are allowed 3 free reports each year; to order:
On Web: www.annualcreditreport.com
By Phone: 1-877-322-8228

November 10:30 AM
Coffee Hour
Servers

- 6 LEM'S
- 13 VESTRY
- 20 USHERS
- 27 CURSILLO



November Altar Guild

Oct 29 - Nov 4th

Nov 1 = 9 am Eucharist
All Saints' Day

Nov 2 = Healing Service
All Souls' Day

*8:00 a.m. Liz & Rayburn Joyner

10:30 a.m. Shirley Hardy & Martha Vanderspoo

Nov 5 - 11

*8:00 a.m. Betty Bryan & Dorothy Klaczko

10:30 a.m. Pat Edmunds & Deb Montag

Nov 12 -18

*8:00 a.m. Bobbie & Curt D & Mardell Kuhn

10:30 a.m. Shirley Hardy & Martha Vanderspoo

Nov 19 - 25

Christ the King & St Margaret's Day
Thanksgiving Eve Service 7pm

*8:00 a.m. Liz & Rayburn Joyner

10:30 a.m. Naomi Mury & Janet Thompson

Nov 26 - Dec 2

*8:00 a.m. Bobbie & Curt D & Mardell Kuhn

10:30 am. Sharon Guenther and Debra Germann

*Team leaders will call and set up times to work.

*Dottie Thomas has graciously agreed to take care of the linens. Please rinse them and hang on the rack. She will pick them up each Wednesday.

November LEMS

8:00 am Service

6 Charlotte Furtado & Leon Palmer

13 Terry Fisher & Sue Howard

20 Leon Palmer & Cathi Smith

27 Sue Howard & Terry Fisher

10:30 am Service

6 Jay De Simon & Bob Radcliffe

13 Paula Reuman & John Rowan

20 Bonnie Kuntz & Jim Williams

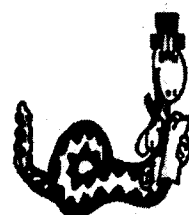
27 Jessie Ballou & Bob Radcliffe

KITCHEN KAPERS

Gobble, gobble, gobble, I am eagerly awaiting Turkey day. We have so much to be thankful for. What an event full month. It started with a difficult inexcusable occurrence and an emotional goodbye. We had dishes that visited the kitchen, but mostly found their way home. Some of storage containers have also gone to new locations. We had the annual blessing of the animals. None of the shoulderless beasties appeared. Then we had the anticipated Hallow's Eve celebration and the wonderful All Saints' Day service. Our cameras are trying to trace some slippery disappearances. Butter is sliding down to the trail out the door. The olive oil is doing a massive slip sliding away. We also so our Pantry replenished at the end of the month. There is a lot of need during these difficult times and we have been fortunate to help. Here is to a Happy, Happy Turkey Day. Remember to thank God for our blessings. Keep well and keep our less healthy and less fortunate friends in our prayers.

Your infamous snoop.

Sherlock Schmidt



Recyclables - October

After a five week break of recycling cans, they had accumulated a lot. The first batch gave us \$15.00, and there are more batches to be recycled. The cans are "shredded" and become new aluminum cans. This recycles for reuse. Keep going. As quoted in the paper, "Recycling one aluminum can saves enough electricity to run a TV for 3 hours". Many tabs are still being collected for Kidney Dialysis. This goes to the Shriner's Hospital. The pill containers have kept coming in, to be sent to other countries. Remember to place your newsprint into the bin to help the youth. Pennies are used for periodicals. Labels for education are used by the local schools

To remove your name from mail and phone lists:

www.dmachoice.org

www.donotcall.gov (1-888-382-1222)

To stop preapproved credit card offers:

1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688)

November Birthdays

1st	Elaine Capano	21st	Charles Caldwell
2nd	Richard Dahlinger		David Jones
4th	Thomas Allen	24th	George Doell
	Connie Goral		John Thompson
5th	Harry Newberry	25th	Muriel Vebsky
6th	Larry Ross	27th	Merle Cottle
10th	Ronald Resare		Michael Harbour
11th	George Adams	28th	Wylene Kotis
12th	Jennifer Thornberry		Sandra Lapp
13th	David Leshane		Jackie Reeves
19th	Patricia McLean	29th	Larry Jones

November Anniversaries

8th	Barbara & George Kastner
19th	Barra & John Myllynen
20th	Elizabeth & John Marshick
27th	Jean & William Martin
29th	Judith & Ted Stauffer

Please take time to remember our shut-ins

Nursing home parishioners:

New Horizons

Wylene Kotis

Spring Oaks

Bertha Conway

7251 Grove Rd Room 129

Brooksville, 34613

November **18th** IS THE DECEMBER MESSENGER DEADLINE

Please see that all articles you wish to have in the Dec. Messenger be sent to me at dbryan02@yahoo.com or in the Messenger Box by Nov **18th** in the New Ministries building. Dec Messenger will be printed on the **23rd**.

If your birthday or anniversary hasn't been listed in the appropriate month, please check with the office to be sure that you have completed the parish information sheet.

November Ushers and Greeters

8:00 am Service

James Stone, Rayburn Joyner, Don Moser, Michael Morris, Jay Poffenbaugh & Jerry Budzinski

10:30 am Service

6 Urban and Claudette Marks

13 Ted & Judy Stauffer

20 Jerry & Jackie Reeves

24 Sharon Guenther and Debra Germann
Thanksgiving

27 Don & Lynda Hesseltine