

the Spirit

of St. Nicholas



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Ch-ch-ch-ch-changes

FROM FATHER JEFF

There's no doubt about it, change is hard.

St. Nicholas has seen its share of change in the last year or so, especially since you hired this young whipper-snapper of a Rector. We are approaching six months together and a lot has happened or is in the midst of happening:

- Sunday School for children and youth has moved to 9:30, creating space for our youngest members to join us for worship.
- Children's sermons and healing prayers have been added to the 10:30 liturgy.
- We've added a weekly Youth Group.
- This month, we will add a quiet, prayerful Wednesday evening Eucharist at 6:30pm.
- Our organist, Pat Newton, has announced her retirement.
- Our financial checks and balances are tightening up in order to continue to be better stewards of

the gifts God has given us, including approval for reimbursement.

- We are contemplating a move to two services.
- Our parking lot has been paved.
- We have a newly designed newsletter.
- We have added Greeters to welcome newcomers.

These are just a few examples of areas of change that we believe the Holy Spirit is guiding us through. While there have been complaints about some of these changes, the majority of responses have been very positive. But it does call into question--how do you handle change?

I guess it depends on what the change is. But all of us are constantly confronted with change, which can be perceived as positive or negative, and we must be willing to engage the emotions that are tied up in experiencing change, whether that change brings us joy or frustration. We also have to acknowledge that change that we think is good might not be good to someone else.

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The disciples experienced an amazing amount of change. They went from being followers of a wandering Rabbi, to thinking they had completely lost everything they had hoped for, to hearing these strange claims that their Rabbi was not really dead, to experiencing his resurrection first-hand in the upper room to being sent out to do his work in the world, becoming leaders and teachers themselves. All of this happened in a very short amount of time...a few months perhaps. Of course, there had to be resistance to all of this change and there were undoubtedly people who were excited by all the change.

But the most important part to experiencing change is to be honest about how we're feeling about it. We are called to see the other side of our argument and also speak our own argument in love. We may ultimately see the fruits of the changes that are happening, and some we may never see. But the important thing is to listen to each other and seek to hear God's voice in the voice of the one we may disagree with. If you are having trouble with the

many changes at St. Nicholas, please come and see me and let's talk about it. You may give insight that has not been considered before. If you are loving all the changes, keep in mind those who might not be, and listen to them as well.

Moving forward in our faith requires us to adapt to change, however, if we are open to the Holy Spirit's guidance and engage in our feelings open and honestly, that change may not be so hard to handle after all.



RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer.

Teams of people meet at the Harris County High School football stadium and take turns walking or running around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event.

Relays are an overnight event, up to 24 hours in length, and participants may, but are not required to, camp out at the stadium.

Relay for Life begins this Friday,

May 1st at 6:00 p.m.

at the Harris County High School Stadium—be there!

St. Nicholas Episcopal Church will be selling barbecue plates and baked goods at the Relay for Life on Friday, May 1st. All proceeds will benefit Relay for Life. The event is held at Harris County High School Stadium and begins at 6:00 p.m. Last year St. Nicholas had great success with this effort and everyone loved our barbecue. Please help us do it again in 2009!

Last year we raised over \$2000 for the American Cancer Society. Our goal for this year is \$2500 in donations.

We still need:

1. One more grill and four more coolers.
2. You to help serve barbecue or help with the Bake Sale.
3. You to complete the Luminaria and Survivor's forms (if applicable).
4. You to bring your Bake Sale contributions to the church or to the event.
5. You to just come by, say hello **and have fun.**

Please call Graham at 706-628-7312 or contact him at

Graham.Horne@gmail.com if you can help.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. NICHOLAS THIS MONTH:

April 27-May 4: Fr. Jeff away on CREDO conference

May

- 1 6:00pm **Relay For Life**
(Harris County High School)



- 3 9:30am Children's Sunday School/Teen Class/
Adult Bible Study
10:30am Holy Eucharist (Fr. Tom Jones
preaches/celebrates)
11:45am DOK Meeting
5:00pm Youth Group
- 4 6:00pm The first Rev. Beverley McEachern
Scholarship will be awarded at the Harris
County High School Awards Ceremony.
- 6 6:30pm Holy Eucharist on Wednesday begins
- 10 Mother's Day/Compassion International Sunday
9:30am Children's Sunday School/Teen Class/
Adult Bible Study
10:30am Holy Eucharist
5:00pm Youth Group

- 16 8:00am Volunteer Yard Work Day at
St. Nicholas
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- 20 6:30pm Holy Eucharist
7:30pm Episcopal 101 Class
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- 24 9:30am Children's Sunday School/Teen
Class/Adult Bible Study
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- 25 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
- 26 6:30pm Vestry Meeting
- 27 6:30pm Holy Eucharist
- 30 8:00am YARD SALE at St. Nicholas
- 31 Pentecost
9:30am Children's Sunday School/
Teen Class/Adult Bible Study
10:30am Holy Eucharist
11:45am Retirement Reception for Pat
Newton





Our Wednesday Night Service begins May 6th

Beginning Wednesday, May 6, at 6:30 p.m. St. Nicholas will be offering a midweek Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. The service will begin with prayers by the Daughters of the King for those who have requested them. The Eucharist will follow. This will be a quiet and simple service and a way to be spiritually refreshed during the week. Come and attend this new worship offering.

Mother's Day

is May 10th

May 10 is Mother's Day and each woman attending the 10:30 service will be given a pink carnation. A Mother's Day cake and punch will be served following church. We take this time to honor every woman in the congregation for her unique gifts and contributions to the life of St. Nicholas.

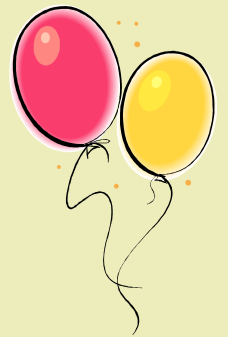


Sunday, May 10th

Compassion International exists as a Christian child advocacy ministry that releases children from spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enables them to become responsible, fulfilled Christian adults.

On Sunday May 10th, we will have an opportunity to view the work of Compassion International. Profiles of children you may consider sponsoring will be available for review. Consider sponsoring a child to honor your mother on Mother's Day.

May 31st Pentecost Celebration



We will celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 31, at 10:30. St. Nicholas will be decorated with bright flowers and banners proclaiming the Day. Since red is the color of Pentecost, symbolizing the fire and zeal given to the apostles to preach the Gospel to all people, we are asking that you wear red or flame orange clothing or accessories to church that day. The Gospel will be read in many languages, recognizing the "speaking in tongues" among the people when the apostles carried the message of Christ to all people in all places and they heard and understood in their own language. The dove, a symbol of the Spirit, will be flying during the procession.

While we enjoy a reception, the children will release red, orange and yellow balloons, symbolizing the Word of God going out to the world. Pentecost is an ideal time to share the Good News of Jesus Christ by inviting someone to attend church with you.

In Reach Ministry

The St. Nicholas In Reach Ministry helps people in **our parish** who need love and care by providing food for the sick, recovering, shut-ins, bereaved, and families with a new baby. Helping hands also send cards, check on parishioners by phone, provide rides to the doctor or grocery store, and visit parishioners at home or in the hospital.

Due to the rapid growth of our church and the cost of food and gasoline, the Daughters of the King invite the congregation of St. Nicholas to join them and volunteer for this most important ministry. **(If you are currently a Daughter of the King and you want to continue in this ministry, you must sign up.)**

You can now sign up on the website or you can sign up on the roster in the narthex! We need volunteers in both Harris County and Columbus (including Fortson). Please pray and consider if you are able to help the people of St. Nicholas in this way. Also, if you know of anyone in our parish who needs this type of ministry, please contact Father Jeff or Michelle Moody; we don't want to overlook anyone.

For more information, please contact Michelle Moody at 706-562-0380 or e-mail her at michellelynnmoody@gmail.com



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Spread of Christ's Kingdom Among Men and Boys

A Brotherhood of St. Andrew is a group comparable to the DOK (Daughters of the King). It is a missionary and evangelism ministry of the Episcopal Church and Anglican Communion. In fact, it is the **oldest** evangelistic ministry of the Episcopal Church. Their goal is to bring men and boys to Jesus Christ.

Mr. William Harrison coming to our church in mid-June to discuss how to form a Brotherhood of St. Andrew chapter at St. Nicholas. We are looking forward to his visit with great anticipation—more details coming soon!

Foyers Group

A Foyers Group is a fun way to get to know your fellow parishioners better than just seeing them once a week at church. We will probably start off with three groups of four couples or individuals and then the groups will "swap", so eventually you will have every couple or individual in your group. Each couple or individual will host a dinner at their home during their month.

All of the people I have spoken with who are in Foyers Groups just love it and usually become fast friends. A sign up sheet will be in the narthex and we will get a sign up on the website soon.

As we move to two services, these types of small groups will become more important. It will be a way for us to keep that "family" closeness and connection that we have now. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to call or email me.

Michelle Moody



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ST. NICHOLAS

S C H E D U L E S

USHERS AND GREETERS

	USHER	USHER	GREETER
MAY 3	JOHN WINSNESS	CHARLOTTE WINSNESS	CHACHA PARMER
MAY 10	DAVE HALMRAST	SUE HALMRAST	BOBO MORGAN
MAY 17	TOM CHEATHAM	SHARON CHEATHAM	GRAHAM HORNE
MAY 24	JAN PYLANT	LYNN HALL	KENNY HALL
MAY 31	BEN BROOKS	KAREN KURTZ	MARK KURTZ

LAY EUCHARIST MINISTERS

	LEM	2ND CHALICE	ALTAR GUILD
MAY 3	BLACKMON	HORNE	WINSNESS, COX
MAY 10	BRENT	MARTIN	CHEATHAM, EIDSON
MAY 17	DIXON	MOODY	BRADLEY, TOWNSEND
MAY 24	HALMRAST	NORDIN	HINNANT, NORDIN
MAY 31	HINNANT	BLACKMON	DIXON, TOMLIN

FLOWER GUILD

MAY 3	SHARON
MAY 10	BARBARA
MAY 17	NANCY
MAY 24	SUSIE
MAY 31	DIANE

CIDER/LEMONADE

MAY 3	ANDY
MAY 10	LACY
MAY 17	VALERIE
MAY 24	HEATHER
MAY 31	DIANE

ST. NICHOLAS

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MAY 3	ROBIN	SEAN	SEAN	DALTON	AUSTIN & ROBIN	
MAY 10	AUSTIN	CODY	CODY	IVY	IVY/ M&M	
MAY 17	ABBY B.	SAM	SAM	DALTON	ABBY A. ABBY B.	
MAY 24	ROBIN	SAM	SEAN	ABBY A.	SEAN & ABBY A.	
MAY 31	CODY	AUSTIN	AUSTIN	DALTON	ROBIN & CODY	

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

MAY 3	SHEILA DIXON
MAY 10	GRAHAM HORNE
MAY 17	BERT TOMLIN
MAY 24	MICHELLE MOODY
MAY 31	DIANNE HINNANT



PALM SUNDAY 2009

MAY 2009

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be quick to love, make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

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EPISCOPAL 101 FOR MAY

Episcopal 101 This Month:

As you have probably heard by now, our Episcopal 101 class has moved to monthly meetings. Right now, we have 23 people signed up for these classes, which is a great mix of newcomers and long-timers, those wishing to become Episcopalians and those who have been Episcopalians since the cradle. It's not too late to sign up! All are welcome!

Just e-mail Fr. Jeff at fatherjeff@stnicholashamilton.org.

This month's session is on **May 20 at 7:30** (come at 6:30 for Eucharist) and is entitled **The Bible: Stories About Yesterday, Today, & Tomorrow**. We will talk about how we engage Scripture as well as learn ways people have interpreted Scripture over the centuries.

ALTAR GUILD: LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN...AND MEN!

As we consider adding more services to our current program, it becomes important that we add new, committed members to the Altar Guild. Altar Guild work is a gift to God. Just as we carefully and joyfully prepare our homes for a beloved visitor, we are doing the same by preparing for Christ at His altar.

Altar Guild members work in teams and oversee the items used in worship, preparing the altar and vessels used for the Eucharist and caring for the linens. It is work to be done with willing hands and a light spirit!



If you are only available for a few hours each month, would enjoy the opportunity to learn more about the elements and symbolism of our liturgy and would like a meaningful way to serve Jesus Christ and the congregation of St. Nicholas, the Altar Guild may be for you.

Fr. Jeff and Liz Dixon will be holding an informational meeting for those interesting in finding out more about Altar Guild service. Know that the Guild is open to all...men and women...with a desire to serve God. Please let Fr. Jeff at fatherjeff@stnicholashamilton.org, Liz Dixon at jcem-dixon@aol.com, or Sue Halmrast at dhalmrast@aol.com know of your interest.

CALLING ALL ABLE-BODIED ADULTS (AND TEENAGERS!)



Volunteer Yard Work Day at St. Nicholas

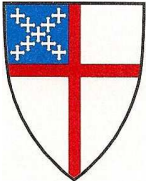
Saturday, May 16th

8:00am

Please bring your own tools.



Musical Notes



ST. NICHOLAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

69 Mobley Road • P.O. Box 752 • Hamilton, Georgia 31811

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April 20, 2009



Dear friends,

When a new church starts, one of the most difficult pieces of the puzzle to put together is the music. From what I understand, when St. Nicholas started, the congregation sang a cappella because they had no musician to lead them. Luckily for that fledgling group, Pat Newton came along.

For the last eight years, Pat has served faithfully as the organist of St. Nicholas. She plays every week, and rarely misses a Sunday. She has led numerous rehearsals to prepare for special events including Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter, and many other special worship services. She has played for our Lenten Series, special workshops, and even at my Installation as your new Rector. When St. Nicholas has needed a musician, Pat Newton has been there.

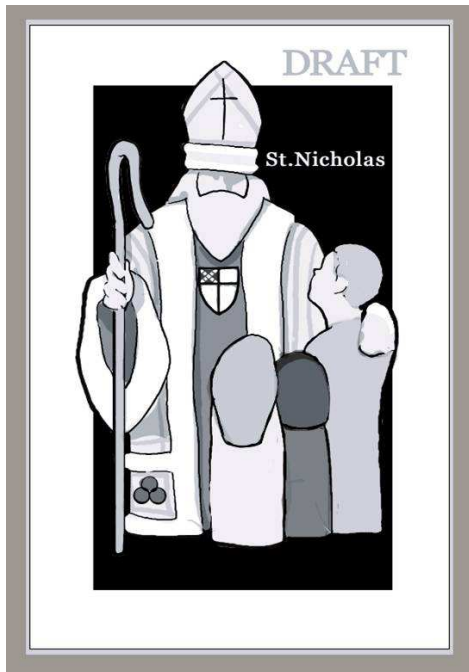
Along with her husband Bob, who has also been a vital member of St. Nicholas (in fact, he served as chair of the committee that brought me here), Pat has indeed done more than her share of building this mission church to what it is today.

This morning, Pat has decided to retire as our organist. Not only has she served faithfully here, but she is currently a devoted music teacher, a poet, and composer. Retiring from St. Nicholas will allow her to focus her energy on those things and most importantly on her relationship with Bob. As she explained her decision, Pat expressed her deep love for St. Nicholas and how much it has meant to be a part of it over the years.

Pat's last Sunday with us as organist will be May 31, which is Pentecost Sunday, a perfect time to celebrate her ministry and send her forth with our well-wishes and blessings. We ask that you keep Pat and Bob in your prayers. Be sure to thank them for their ministry here and remind them that they will always be a part of the St. Nicholas family. The Vestry and I will be meeting on Wednesday, April 22 and will begin our preparations for an interim musician and our further plans for our music program. Please keep us in your prayers as well.

Alleluia, Christ is risen,

The Rev. Jeff Jackson
Rector



DID YOU KNOW ST. NICHOLAS IS HAVING NEW LOGO DESIGNED?

And, did you know we have a professional artist in our church? The two original oils in the narthex were painted by Craig Luce and given to the church... the tall lilies next to the door and the irises in the hallway.

Craig has been designing an exclusive, one-of-a-kind logo for St. Nicholas. Craig Luce began work on our church's new logo not long after Father Jeff's arrival in 2008. He has worked tirelessly with the St. Nicholas Communications Committee and the Vestry to create a meaningful logo that conveys what our church is about. Along the way, he has exercised great patience and cooperation as numerous design decisions were made and change requests were e-mailed to him. All of this happening while he was still doing his full-time paid art work.

In case you don't know Craig, here is a little information about him and his work. All his life Craig has made pictures. He said that when he was making drawings as a child, no one knew then that art would be his life. Like most artists, he first painted for his mother, whom many of you knew well: Harriet Derbyshire (Darby) Luce.

When he first went to college, it was with the thought of becoming a doctor, so he majored in the sciences at Georgia Tech. After all the sports he participated in, it was inconceivable that anything in the arts was in his future. Still, he painted in his room after Chemistry. When

he was encouraged to really give painting a "go" by NYC painter John Hardy ("What are you doing here? YOU should be PAINTING!"), he transferred to major in Painting at the University of Georgia.

The professors at painting school taught him that art was not a way to make a living, so he shelved it, painting only in idle hours in the interim. When examining his prospects for a career, he learned from his mother, a Registered Nurse, that there IS a hybrid field--- so he minored in zoology and went to grad school in medical illustration. This was taught in the medical school, taking classes with the medical students for three years--- and only 1 in 12 interviewees was being accepted (there were 5 in my class at Medical College of Georgia, the best of only five schools). Medicine from a visual perspective--three years and a thousand hours of surgical observation, countless drawings, and they were teaching the most absolute realism of any art training available in the country.

While he thought medical illustration would support his fine art painting, it took over his life. He said it was fascinating--learning the newest medical developments as they evolved and working with the nation's experts. And as his family grew, it was the right thing---the best use of all his faculties. He still keeps his hand in and mind sharp. But now he is letting the collectors have their say-- and realizing that he has a Gift and should use it!

Craig sums it all up by saying, "Finally, I am becoming whom I was intended to be--finding the joy in painting and finally learning that all my efforts (the only way to use what I've been given) is to paint for Him."



CRAIG LUCE

MEET OUR ACOLYTES



CODY DURHAM

Cody is a student in the 7th grade at HCCMS. He loves baseball. He is currently a player on the Hamilton Hornets A-Ball team and plays positions of 1st base and pitcher. He also loves college football and is a true Florida Gators Fan. He will be going on a senior cruise to the Bahamas soon with his 17-year-old brother.

Cody likes spending his spare time playing or practicing baseball, watching baseball or ESPN. He also loves fishing and swimming. In the future he plans to go to college and play baseball.



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



The Daughters of the King will meet Sunday, May 3rd after the church service.

TREASURER'S NOTICE

At the request of our CPA, James Jordan, we have taken necessary steps to improve our internal controls relative to expense reimbursement.

On April 1st, we began requiring prior approval from the appropriate Vestry member for anything purchased for St. Nicholas requiring reimbursement.

This is helping us insure that the expense is within budget and posted to the proper expense account.

Reimbursement expense checks are now be written every Wednesday. This new schedule will give us the necessary time to obtain the required Vestry approval for each expense request.

Please see Dorothy Webster or Tom Cheatham if you have any questions. Thank you.

Tom Cheatham
Church Treasurer



YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Group meets every Sunday at 5:00pm unless otherwise noted!

Summer Camp at Camp Mikell: Now's the time to sign up for a week of fun at Camp Mikell. Fr. Jeff will be on the program staff for the 6th & 7th grade camp, and would love to take a group with him! Here is a list of the camps. To sign up, see Fr. Jeff.

Mini Camp: **May 22nd-24th**, Rising 1st and 2nd Graders & their parents

Outdoor Intermediate: **May 27th-June 2nd**, Rising 8th and 9th Graders

Kid Camp 1: **May 27th-June 2nd**, Rising 3rd-5th Graders

Outdoor Junior: **June 5th-June 11th**, Rising 6th and 7th Graders

Youth Camp: **June 5th-June 11th**, Rising 10th-12th Graders

Performing Arts Camp: **June 14th-June 20th**, Rising 4th-9th Graders

Intermediate Camp: **June 23rd-June 29th**, Rising 8th and 9th Graders

Junior Camp: **July 2nd-July 8th**, Rising 6th and 7th Graders

Outdoor Youth: **July 12th-July 18th**, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated

Kid Camp 2: **July 12th-July 18th**, Rising 3rd-5th Graders

Work Camp: **July 25th-July 30th**, Rising 10th Graders-Just Graduated

Guest Camp: **September 4th-September 7th**, Children, Adults, and Families of all Ages



Food, glorious food!

With the Youth Group now in full flow, we have more mouths to feed. If anyone is interested in providing food for upcoming events please contact me, Graham Horne (graham.horne@gmail.com).

CONGRATULATIONS!

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday

- 5/2 Charlie Morgan
- 5/5 Toby Butzon
- 5/8 Judy Jenks
- 5/10 Andy Butzon
- 5/13 Rebecca Kelly
- 5/14 Doug Martin Jr.
- 5/28 Nick Simpson

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary

- 5/5 Graham & Marci Horne
- 5/8 Larry & Elaine Correnti
- 5/20 Larry & Julie Nordin
- 5/21 Kin & Beth Brown



**Congratulations to our
2009 High School
Graduates!**

**Carolyn Correnti,
daughter of Larry and Elaine Correnti
and
Logan Durham,
son of Mike and Gina Durham**

**Congratulations to our
2009 College Graduates!
Jason Price**

Jason will graduate from the University of Georgia with a Masters Degree in Education on May 9, 2009. He is the son of Drucye Price.

We would like to publish your family's news and announcements. Please send us news and pictures about births, engagements, weddings, graduations, special birthdays and celebrations, or anything you would like to share with the church congregation.

We also publish thank you notes, so if you have someone to thank or recognize, please consider adding an article to the newsletter.



Habitat for Humanity is currently looking for volunteers to participate in the following areas:

Building
Church Relationships
Communications
Finance
Fundraising

If you feel called to participate, please contact **Bill Sutley** (bill.sutley@gmail.com) or myself (graham.horne@gmail.com).

Habitat meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at Hamilton United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.

Graham Horne
Vestry for Outreach

Click the link below for more information regarding Habitat.

<http://www.habitat.org/how/christian.aspx>

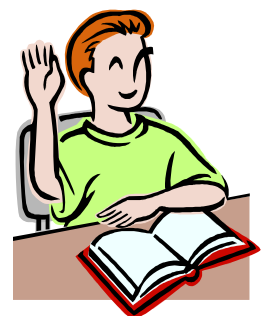
Educational Opportunities Center (aka the Alternative School)



Our congregation is committed to young people, both inside and outside our church. One opportunity for outreach to young people is by volunteering with the young men and women at the Educational Opportunities Center (aka the Alternative School) in Hamilton. These are young people who have been temporarily taken out of the regular school for disciplinary purposes and put in a more controlled environment. However, most of these youth are repeat offenders because they get more one-on-one attention at the EOC. They are hungry for attention and thus act out in order to get it.

Our own Kim Pak is the middle school teacher there and is looking for volunteers to come and visit with the young people and provide good role models for them so they can integrate back into the schools. Fr. Jeff has been visiting and would love to see more St. Nicholas people get involved.

The students also need lots of supplies as these programs are the ones that tend to get cut when there are budget restraints. If anyone is interested, please see Fr. Jeff and accompany him on a visit.



Our St. Nicholas Yard/Bake/Plant Sale date has been changed to

Saturday, May 30th!



Due to our action-packed church calendar, we've changed our yard sale to Saturday, May 30th. It will be held on the church grounds 8:00am to 2:00pm, but please arrive as early as you can. Sharon Cheatham will be there at 5:30am.

We need everyone's help to make this yard sale a success. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and the bargains!

1. Please donate items for the sale, such as:

books	plants
furniture	women's, men's, and children's clothing
kitchen items and house wares	baby clothes and equipment
old tools	lawn furniture
lawn and garden equipment	pre-wrapped and priced baked goods
appliances	art work
children's items	exercise equipment
rugs	linens
lamps	old bicycles or skateboards

2. All donated items should be clean, in good working condition, and priced before they are delivered.
3. You may bring items to the church on Sunday, May 24th. Additional dates and times will be announced.
4. Please start saving plastic shopping bags and bring them to the sale.
5. If you enjoy making signs and posters, please start them now.
6. If you need a tax write-off statement for your donated items, please see Dorothy Webster.
7. We need a clean-up crew and volunteers to take unsold items to the Valley Rescue Mission in Hamilton.

Proceeds from this sale will be used to offset some of the Lobsterfest set-up costs. If you would like to help us with this yard sale, please sign up on the St. Nicholas web site stnicholashamilton.org, or if you have any questions, contact Sharon Cheatham at 706-663-8579.



LOBSTERFEST 2009

SILENT AUCTION AND
RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

We would also like to raffle a vacation retreat at the Lobsterfest this year. If any of our congregation has a mountain or beach retreat we would really appreciate them considering a donation for a week or a weekend. The proceeds will be deposited into our building fund.

Sharon Cheatham
Vestry for Parish Life

WEB SITE UPDATE

Father Jeff has updated our website so we can sign up to volunteer for any of the ministries at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church on line. Just open our web page and click on the "Sign Up to Help Out" block. Of course you can still volunteer by signing the rosters in the narthex if you wish.

You can add or update your e-mail address on the site as well. Just enter your new e-mail address here. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or anything, please feel free to ask Fr. Jeff or Drucye Price.

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

NEWS FEED COMMENTS

 St. Nicholas Hamilton.org

home who we are what we do where we are resources for your journey we would like to meet you Search this website... GO

sign up to help out

NEWS & EVENTS PHOTOS TREES, WALKING (FR. JEFF'S BLOG)

Welcome to St. Nicholas Episcopal Church! We're glad you stopped by to visit. Whether you are new to St. Nicholas or a long-time member, this site is intended to be a window for you to peek into, to see what God is doing through our shared ministries, and to enhance your connection to our Lord and Creator. If you are seeking a place to belong, whatever place you come from, you are one of God's children and you are welcome here.

LATEST ARTICLE...

Easter Photos

April 25, 2009 by fatherjeff

Here are more shots taken on Easter Sunday!



NEWS & UPDATES

 Sign up to receive breaking news as well as receive other site updates!

Enter your email address... GO

VIEW OUR EVENT CALENDAR

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PODCAST



1: Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009 (Mary's R...

2: Good Friday Meditation-"Mrs. Pilate Reme



Vote for Kenny and help the Alzheimer's Association

Congratulations to St. Nicholas' own, **Kenny Hall**, who has been selected to perform the cha-cha in the **Dancing Stars of Columbus Memory Gala** fundraiser at the River Mill Event Centre, Friday, May 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the **Alzheimer's Association**, all votes (\$1 = 1 vote) for Kenny and his partner, Betsy Leebern (who is a friend to many at St. Nicholas), will benefit this worthwhile charity.

You may vote on line at:

www.memorygala.kintera.org.

Name the Newsletter Contest!

As you can tell from the newsletter's first page, we have a winner!

#27 The Spirit of St. Nicholas

Congratulations to the members who voted for this name!

The winner's name will be kept secret until Father Jeff awards their prize in church.

Note: The St. Nicholas logo used on this page and the first page is NOT the new St. Nicholas logo that has been designed by Craig Luce. This St. Nicholas just a stand-in until our logo is ready.



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**THE SPIRIT OF ST. NICHOLAS
NEWSLETTER**

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Last day to submit schedules and articles for the June 2009 Newsletter is: **May15th**

All suggestions and photos of parish functions are welcomed.

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SHARON CHEATHAM – PARISH LIFE AND ACTIVITIES

GRAHAM HORNE – OUTREACH

CHRIS BUTZON – BUILDING AND GROUNDS

DRUCYE PRICE – COMMUNICATIONS

MICHELLE MOODY - HOSPITALITY

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