



MAY
2025

Worship in May

Sunday, May 4 <i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday, May 11 <i>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday, May 18 <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sunday, May 25 <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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UPCOMING IN MAY

May 3 – Zion Bluesfest
May 4 – Episcopal Day at Synovus Park
NO FIRST SUNDAY BRUNCH IN MAY – SEE YOU AT THE GAME!
May 18 – Vestry meeting
May 26 – Memorial Day - *Office Closed.*

IN OUR PARISH

The Gathering Place (The Space Formerly Known as the BackSnacks Room Then Briefly as the Library) is Now Open!



don't worry about eating and drinking there! (We know the Keurig wasn't great last week; we're working on the coffee options.)

We will also use the room for small meetings like Book Club and Adult Forum, as well as a place for family to gather before weddings and funerals. If you'd like a comfortable spot to gather – come on in!

This project began as an idea brought back by Rose and Father Bob from the College for Congregational Development last fall as a space to complete our work of welcoming visitors and creating fellowship in the congregation. Many months of planning and shopping has finally come to fruition, and the room is open for use!

The room will host coffee after church – the couch has stain-resistant upholstery, so



Spring Treats

Let's continue the Easter season post-service fellowship time with cookies and lemonade on non-brunch Sundays, to give us a few minutes after the service to just enjoy each other's company. If you'd like to bring a simple treat one Sunday, a sign-up sheet will be in the narthex.

* * * **No First Sunday Brunch in May – see you at the game!** * * *

Trees for David

Have you seen the two new white oaks in the front yard of the church, in front of Visitor Parking? Those trees were planted last week in memory of David Johnson. There will soon be plaques placed officially designating the trees as honoring David and his love of nature. Look for more information on a dedication ceremony to come.

Episcopal Day at Synovus Park – May 4!



The Chattahoochee Valley Convocation has arranged to celebrate Episcopal Day at Synovus Park on **Sunday, May 4** as the Clingstones take on the Biloxi Shuckers. Game time is 1:05 pm, so you can head over to the park right after worship. Lunch will be available for purchase at concession stands. Seats in sections 212 and 213, are reserved for us; if we fill up those seats, there will still be plenty of general admission seats available. The cost of tickets is \$10 each, plus some handling fees. You can purchase directly through this link: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Episcopalchurches2>. Wear your Episcopal or church t-shirts or other swag so we can show the world how much fun Episcopalians have together.

Book Club Selects Kingsolver's *Flight Behavior* for May

In 2004 Barbara Kingsolver moved from Tucson, where she had lived since 1978, and returned to southern Appalachia, the setting of several recent notable books, including *Flight Behavior*, the book club's selection for the May meeting.

Published in 2012, this novel follows Dellarobia Turnbow, a young farm wife who witnesses an unusual migration of Monarch butterflies fleeing from their normal pattern due to global warming. They attract the attention of scientists, religious leaders and politicians. Dellarobia's involvement transforms her worldview and opens new possibilities for her future.

Flight Behavior is a captivating, topical and deeply human story touching on class, poverty and climate change. It is Barbara Kingsolver's most accessible novel yet and explores the truths we live by and the complexities that lie behind them. (Adapted from Amazon.) The Book Club will meet May 7 after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

Vestry Meets May 18

The Vestry will meet Sunday, May 18 after church to conduct the business of the church. Guests are welcome; let Erin know if you'd like to attend. To view the April minutes and financial reports, [click here](#), or see Erin for a hard copy.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Mike Sawyer, Edward Martin, Martha Sue Blythe, and Asa Garris. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon and Jewell Wells.

We pray for wisdom for those in authority, for guidance for those who feel called to action, and for safety and peace for those who feel fear in these times. We continue to pray for all those in need within our community and those in the world who have suffered due to war and natural disaster.

Please send all prayer requests to pastoralcare@stnicholashamilton.org.





Wedding Bells for the Farrow family

If you're wondering where Father Bob was this past Sunday, he was working – he had the joyful task of officiating at the wedding of his son, Cliff, and his new daughter-in-law, Lindsey, in beautiful Nassau, Bahamas. Congratulations and prayers for joy for all!

May Birthdays:

Gene Wells
Grace Johnson
Martha Dimon
Andy Butzon
Rose Brent
Shanti Patel

May Anniversaries:

Graham & Marci Horne
Kin and Beth Brown

Have you considered making a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund in honor of your birthday or other special occasion?

The Fund is how we share the love of Christ with our neighbors who need small amounts of assistance with their rent or utility bills. We have helped 17 households this year alone.

The need is always great – use one of the envelopes in the narthex to make your celebratory donation.

IN OUR WIDER CHURCH

News from the Diocese: [Click here](#) to catch up on what's happening in our own Diocese of Atlanta, including an Events calendar for the few months.

News from The Episcopal Church: [Click here](#) to read The Episcopal Church's weekly press release.

News from the Episcopal Community Foundation: [Click here](#) to read the ECF's latest news

In case you missed it on Facebook: [Our Presiding Bishop's statement on the death of Pope Francis.](#)

IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY



History belongs to all of us!

The First Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln emancipated enslaved Africans in America, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas with news of freedom. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree in what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day. With the principles of self-determination, citizenship, and democracy magnifying their hopes and dreams, those Texans held fast to the promise of true liberty for all.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States