

This Week at



**JULY
16
2026**

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, July 19: Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.
The 8th Sunday After Pentecost

with guest Malinda Shamburger

*Executive Director at Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal
Ministry (CVEM)*

Lay Ministers: Margaret Zachry, John Brent, Martha Dimon,
Bob & Judy McCracken, Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Margaret Zachry

WEDNESDAY, July 22: Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

JUL 19: Guest Speaker: Malinda Shamburger, Executive
Director of Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal
Ministry (CVEM)

JUL 29: St. Nicholas Game Day! 3 p.m.

AUG 2: Annual Parish Picnic at Blue Springs
*Sign up to bring a side or dessert in the kitchen
pass-through*

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IN OUR PARISH

The **El Refugio** ministry is our small but mighty response to the need recognized by our diocese: for more humanity in our immigration policies. El Refugio is a lovely historic home in Lumpkin that provides a place for families visiting loved ones imprisoned at the Stewart County Detention Center to spend the night, get a meal, or just take a break from the *ice-y* bureaucracy in a warm and home-like environment. Volunteers perform household cleaning tasks and welcome visitors – no Spanish required! After a brief online orientation, you can volunteer at the hospitality house on any convenient Sunday afternoon. See Margaret Zachry for more information.

The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen *Oh, William!* by Elizabeth Strout as their July read. From *Book Lovers' Sanctuary*: "Successful, middle-aged writer Lucy Barton navigates widowhood and reconnection with her first husband, William. When William's third wife leaves him and he discovers a secret half-sister, the two embark on a road trip to Maine, exploring the elusive, complex nature of lifelong partnerships." The next Book Club meeting is August 5 after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

Next Sunday, our guest speaker will be Mr. Harold Tarpley, Lay Minister.

Rector's Discretionary Fund is Dry – This fund is one of the ways we share the love of Christ by assisting our Harris County neighbors with rent and utilities. Demand is always high – we have helped almost 40 households this year alone. If you feel so moved, please drop a few dollars in the plate to rehydrate the well! (Use an envelope from the narthex so we know it's not a regular contribution.)



At yesterday's Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation, Charlotte Winsness showed us how to make delightful little gift boxes out of old greeting cards. Catching up on all the gossip of community and world ensued (along with cookie munching and a bit of knitting). Join us next month!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Charlotte Winsness, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, Rev. Woody Barnes, Sandra Carey, and Armani Butzon. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, and Mary Butcher.

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.



IN THE WIDER CHURCH

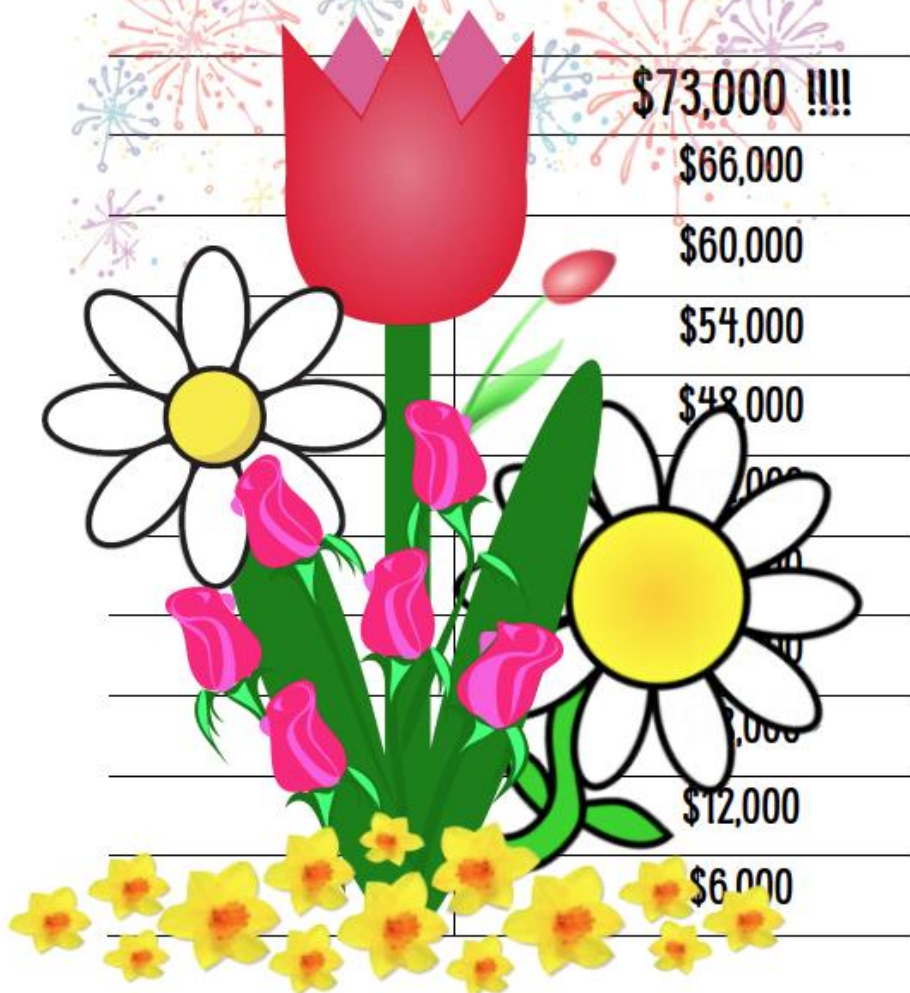
- **News from the Diocese:** [Click here](#) to catch up on what's happening in our own Diocese of Atlanta, including an Events calendar for the few months.
 - **News from The Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) to read The Episcopal Church Weekly.
 - **News from the Episcopal Community Foundation:** [Click here](#) to read the latest news.
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IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY





Capital Campaign 2026



Look what we did!

We got to \$73,761!

Isn't St. Nicholas amazing?

We have already received almost 75% of pledged funds and we have used it to begin paying down our debt - the sooner we pay down the principal and the more we pay, the more interest we save over time. So if you were thinking of giving to this campaign but haven't yet, it's never too late and it's always welcome.

Thanks to everyone who has given to this campaign to reduce our mortgage principal and free our pledge funds to do more meaningful work.