

## This Week at



AUGUST 28  
2025

## THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

### Worship

**SUNDAY, August 31**

**Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

*The 12th Sunday After Pentecost*

**WEDNESDAY, September 3**

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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### Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 1: Labor Day - office closed

SEPTEMBER 3: Book Club meets after Evening Prayer

SEPTEMBER 7: First Sunday Brunch - sign up in the narthex!

SEPTEMBER 11: Office closed for personal day

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### Connect and Serve

Georgia Interfaith Power & Light (GIPL) cordially invites you to the 2026 Green Team Summit: Saturday, Feb. 7 (10- 4) at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church. See Fr. Bob or Erin if you're interested in serving on St. Nicholas' Green Team!



## IN OUR PARISH

### BackSnacks is Back – With Big News!

BackSnacks is an outreach of St. Nicholas Church that fights food insecurity in Harris County schoolchildren by providing food for the weekend, when school meals are not available. This project is led by Harris County High School students – including our own Aleisha McMurtry, with volunteer help from our congregation and members of the community. Kathy McMurtry works tirelessly to advise the group and provide support to the student leadership.

With the new school year back in swing, BackSnacks is gearing up again. The monthly “pack” is scheduled for the second Wednesday in the month, beginning about 3:30 p.m and wrapping up in time for Evening Prayer. While volunteer help is always welcome, BackSnacks is extending particular invitations to the St. Nicholas congregation to help get to know each other and strengthen the bond between the church and this vital outreach program.

- September 10: Join the BackSnacks kids prior to Evening Prayer for a round of theatre games that will break down barriers.
- October 8: BackSnacks will host a “tasting” of the foods we pack for the kids.
- November 12: Cookies, ice cream, and conversation.
- December: The BackSnacks kids hope to join us for carol-singing.

And... in case you haven't heard: The **Episcopal Community Foundation for Middle and North Georgia** has awarded BackSnacks a grant of \$30,000 to renovate their workspace to make it cleaner, safer, and more conducive to operations. Work is expected to begin in the coming weeks – look for more news as it develops!

**First Sunday Brunch is September 7:** Be sure to sign up to attend – the hosts use the sign-up list to know how many to prepare for!

### New on the calendar: Cub Scouts to meet on Thursdays

Starting September 11, the Cub Scouts Pack 109 will be meeting Thursday evenings in several parts of the church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Please take this into consideration when planning a trip to the church.

### Book Club News

On August 6, six of us gathered to discuss *The Overstory*, which we all agreed was a hard read, a challenging but important work. Powers' impassioned and powerful writing brought home to us the importance of trees and other plants to human life and the impact of human actions on the natural world. We were all impressed by the longevity of trees and nature compared to fleeting human life.

For September, we chose a book highly recommended by Father Bob -- ***Love, Life and Elephants: An African Love Story*** by Dame Daphne Jenkins Sheldrick (1934-2018). Kenyan born and raised, she is the first person ever to have successfully hand-reared newborn elephants. Her pioneering work in perfecting the right husbandry and milk formula have saved countless elephants, rhinos, and other baby animals from certain death. In this heartwarming and poignant memoir, published in 2012, she shares her amazing

relationships with a host of orphans, and the love story between her and David Sheldrick, the famous Tsavo Park warden. It was "their deep and passionate love, David's extraordinary insight into all aspects of nature, and the tragedy of his early death that inspired Daphne's vast array of achievements, most notably the founding of the world-renowned David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust and the Orphans' Nursery in Nairobi National Park." (*Amazon and Google Books*)

The St. Nicholas Book Club will next meet on September 3 after Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.

## IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Johnny Walden, Curtis Bray, Edward Martin, Bruce and Gabe Clouser, and the grieving family of Jane Grandon (including her husband John; children John, Jimmy, and Robert; and too many grandchildren to count).

We pray for the children and families of Annunciation Catholic School.

Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our homebound congregants: Liz Dixon, Mike Sawyer, 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.



**Rector's Discretionary Fund:** The cash offering on the first Sunday of the month goes to the RDF, through which we share the love of Christ for all people by assisting our neighbors with rent and utilities. We have helped seven households in our Harris County Community during August (a total of **30** in 2025). Our fund is small and the need is great, so please consider bringing a few extra dollars for the offering plate next Sunday.

## 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 Weekly.
  - **News from the Episcopal Community Foundation:** [Click here](#) to read the newsletter.
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We are one church united in prayer, naming reality in the face of lies, creating space for grief in the face of denial, and freeing space in our souls for hope. These prayers are not a replacement for action; they offer grounding and space to discern what actions each of us feel compelled to take.

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

**Harris County School District 2025-2026 Mobile Learning Lab Calendar of Community Visits**



	Pine Mountain/Pine Lane Apt.
	Waverly Hall/Melody Lakes Community Center
	Shiloh/City Hall



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**MLL will be parked at each site from 5:00 - 6:00 P.M. on color-coded dates as listed.**

Read the Georgia Family Connection Newsletter [here](#).

