

The Spirit of Saint Nicholas

JUNE 2026

Worship in June

- June 7** **Wonder Church with Holy Communion**
The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 14** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
- June 21** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 4th after Pentecost
- June 28** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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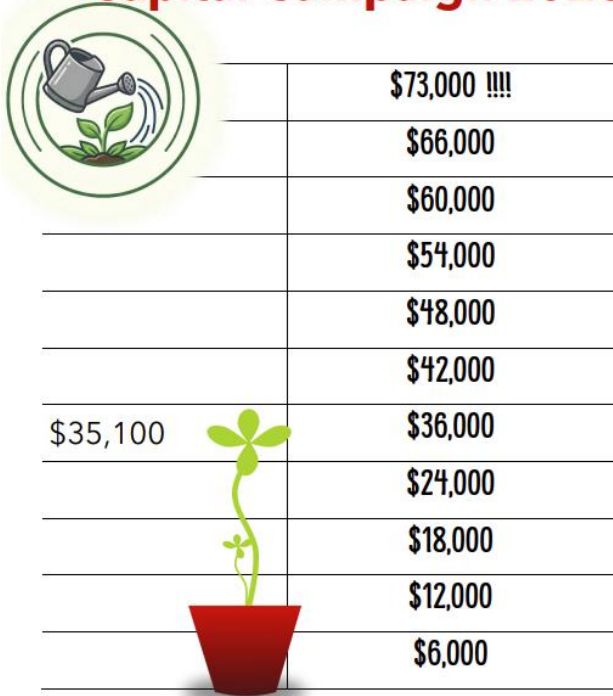
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Coming Up

- JUN 6: Green Team Summit at St. Thomas
(see newsletter for more)
- JUN 17: Cookies, Crafts & Conversation 3:00 p.m.
- JUN 24: St. Nicholas Game Day 1:00 p.m.
- JUN 29: Last call for Boston Butt Sales
- JUN 30: Deadline for pledges to Capital Campaign
- JUL 5: Worship at St. Thomas (more inside)

IN OUR PARISH

Capital Campaign 2026



Ready? Let's GROW!

Pledge cards are in the narthex, or go to the website and look at the top for "2026 Capital Campaign." Everything you need is there, including FAQs and links to submit your pledge and payments electronically if you so choose.

The deadline to submit your pledge is **June 30**; however, payment does not have to be received until **November 30**. We encourage you to pledge early so the team can assess where we will stand when the time comes to renew or refinance the mortgage.

You can always see Beth Brown or Jim Gilliam if you have questions.

Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation: June 17 at 3:00 p.m. Join us for good conversation, (hopefully) delicious treats and coffee or tea - and if you stitch, bring it with! We wrap up at 4:30 to give us time to tidy up for Evening Prayer.

St. Nicholas Game Day. June 24 at 3:00 p.m. (We're still tweaking the start time to give us plenty of time to play and wrap up before Evening Prayer.) We'll be playing Mahjong, Cribbage, and Mexican Train!

Join the ministry! St. Nicholas has been sending volunteers to **El Refugio**, a hospitality house in Lumpkin that supports detainees at Stewart Detention Center and their loved ones through hospitality, visitation, support, and advocacy. St. Nicholas volunteers will be assisting with housekeeping tasks like stripping beds and laundering linens. There is online orientation required before you go. See **Margaret Zachry** for more information.



The **St. Nicholas Book Club** chose *The Avenue Goes to War* by R. F. Delderfield as their selection for July. This novel, the second of his *Avenue* series, was also adapted for British television.

Years ago, the Great War tore apart the lives of the families living on Manor Park Avenue in South London. Now, as Allie and Axis armies rage across Europe in an even more devastating conflict,

the residents of the Avenue struggle to cope with the sacrifices England must make as their nation's place in the world irrevocably changes.

The novel explores how ordinary people in wartime London are connected through shared hardship, sacrifice, and resilience. So, while the book is a work of historical fiction, its setting, themes, and plot are firmly rooted in the events and atmosphere of World War II.

On **Sunday, July 5**, St. Nicholas will be worshipping at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Columbus. They have invited us to share their Independence Day worship service beginning at 10:30 a.m. so there will be no worship service at St. Nicholas that day. Steve will be driving a van - sign up in the kitchen pass-through if you need transportation.



St. Nicholas Boston Butt Sale 2026

Sales through Monday, June 29

Purchase a **6 lb., choice boneless** Boston Butt, smoked to perfection and ready for your table.

\$55

Pick-up: 2 pm to 6 pm on **July 3** St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 69 Mobley Road in Hamilton.

You may also donate your butt to FOCUS.

How to Purchase

Cash or Check: Call 706-587-3243
See a church member or mail in a check to:
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
PO Box 752
Hamilton, GA 31811

Credit Card: Go to our website:
www.stnicholashamilton.org
or
Use the Vanco app by
following this QR code:



Thinking about HOSPITALITY Quick Quiz: What's the Gathering Room for?

- A. A place to grab a cookie and coffee after church before dashing out
- B. A place to meet visitors and make them feel welcome
- C. A place to catch up with friends in a comfortable setting
- D. A place for small groups to gather for Evening Prayer, Book Club, and meetings
- E. All of the above

Of course, the answer is E, but let's take a look at B. The Sunday bulletin says that the Gathering Room is the place to go after the service, so that's where visitors (i.e., potential new members) go. Let's not leave them standing awkwardly by themselves - stop in and say "hello"!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Katherine Johnson, Chris and Andy Butzon, Margaret Zachry, Mary Jane Hartenstine, Kevin Anderson, Rev. Bob Farrow, and Mary Butcher. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Stafford Long, April Moore, Hudson Garrett, and Kenny Hall and his family.



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.

June Birthdays

Michelle Moody
Christine Risdon
Alex Garrett
Carolyn Cox

June Anniversaries

Sheri & Jeff Cody
John & Charlotte Winsness
Margaret Zachry & George Zachry
Steve Morse & William Morgan

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 by providing small amounts of assistance to those who help with their rent or utility bills.

The need in our community remains high and the fund goes fast. We have helped **33** households since January 1.

Many thanks to **Linda Pace, Martha Dimon,** and **Rose Brent** for celebrating their occasions with a donation to the fund!

Please consider using one of the envelopes in the narthex to make your celebratory donation.

NEWS FROM 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.

HEY! There are still spots open for **TAP 2026 – STEP UP: Open Hearts, Ready Hands**. TAP is open the last week of June for children ages 6-11. There is an opportunity for children 12 & Up to volunteer, with training the week prior. Here's all you need to know:

Dates: June 22-26, 8:45 a.m. to Noon

Place: Rankin Arts Center

Cost: FREE

Apply [here](https://www.cvemjubilee.org/programs/tap/). (<https://www.cvemjubilee.org/programs/tap/>)

HARRIS COUNTY JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION

Saturday June 13, 2026
10:00am -2:00pm
Program begins at 11:00am*

Harris County Community Center
7509 GA Hwy 116
Hamilton, GA

Demonstrations - Arts & Craft Vendors - Food - Silent Auction - Cultural Showcases.

FREE ADMISSION!!
Benefits the Backsnacks Program
of Harris County

For more information contact Elaine at: powell.elaine08@gmail.com