This Week at

Saint Nicholas EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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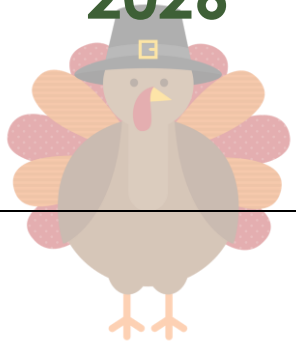

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, November 29, 10:00 a.m.
The First Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 5:00 p.m.
Advent Evensong

Upcoming Events

NOV 29: Deadline for Harris County Christmas Gift s
Stewardship Campaign Wrap-up
Adult Forum: Advent 1
Walking With the Word Begins!
Trim the Christmas Tree after the service

DEC 2: Advent Evensong 5 pm

DEC 5: Pine Mountain Christmas Parade 2 pm

DEC 6: Adult Forum: Advent 2

DEC 9: Dinner and Caroling at 5 pm

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IN OUR PARISH

*This year's **Stewardship campaign** ends Sunday! Pledge cards are available on the website or in the narthex – or at the end of this newsletter - if you haven't received your packet yet. While we will happily accept pledges after Sunday, we're working on the 2027 budget now and we need to know what we can project for income, so don't wait too long!*



Christmas Parade and Tree Trimming

It's getting close to time to set up our Christmas tree!! Please plan to stay after the service on Sunday, November 29th to trim the tree, socialize, and enjoy some treats, spiced cider and coffee.

Let Steve Morse or William Morgan know if you would like to ride on the St. Nicholas fire truck in the **Pine Mountain** parade on **Saturday, December 5th**. You will need to be at the field behind the public safety building about 20 minutes before the parade starts.

ADVENT READERS NEEDED The First Sunday in Advent is November 29. We'd love for you and members of your family to read the traditional short verses and light the Advent wreath at the beginning of the services. This is perfect for anyone with kids or grandkids visiting in Advent. Please contact Erin if you're willing and able.

It's used shoe collection time again! Now through the end of January, St. Nicholas will again participate in Keep Columbus Beautiful's Shoe Recycling drive. Bring any kind of shoes you're ready to get rid of. Rubberbanding them together is helpful, but condition does not matter. Those that can be worn will be sent to those who can use them; those that can't will be recycled – either way, they stay out of the landfill! Use the bin in the narthex.

Our accounting software, which also holds contact information, now has the ability to add an **emergency contact**. If you would like Erin to add an emergency contact for you, send her an email at contact@stnicholashamilton.org.

Capital Campaign fulfillment deadline: November 30

Thanks to the 23 pledgers who have paid their pledge in full before the deadline! We are only about $6,800 away from all pledges being paid in full, which would allow us to refinance under $100k.

If you need to pay your commitment using an RMD or other means that might delay your payment to later than November 30, please let Jim Gilliam know so we can plan.

If you need to know where you stand on your pledge fulfillment, check with Erin anytime.

The St. Nicholas Book Club meets the first Wednesday of the month after Evening Prayer. This month, they have chosen *The Witch's Grave* by Phillip DePoy as its next selection. In Book 2 of the Fever Devilin novels, a folklorist turns amateur sleuth when a woman accused of witchcraft goes missing in this mystery from the Edgar Award-winning author of *The Devil's Hearth*.

> A noted folklorist, Fever Devilin returns to his quiet Appalachian hometown hoping to find peace. When Truevine Deveroe, a local girl reputed to be a witch, goes missing and the local mortician turns up dead near Devilin's home, Able Carter, fiancé of the missing girl, is suspected of killing them both.
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> Tied by friendship and long-term enmity to all of the principals, Fever finds himself in the midst of a very difficult situation. Devilin must unravel the mystery of a perplexing series of events somehow related to the hidden history of the area and the old folk legend of the witch's grave.

SHARE! Social media, as you may know, can tend to become a bubble – meaning, you only see the things you already know you want to see. How can you help St. Nicholas's Facebook page break out of that bubble? By sharing St. Nicholas news and events to your personal Facebook

feed. If we're doing something you think your family or friends might be interested in, hit "share" and spread the news!

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY: Beginning the First Sunday in Advent, November 29, 2026, the United Methodists, Evangelical Lutherans, and Episcopalians in Georgia will read through the Bible together in one year. Throughout the year, online and in-person events and resources will further draw Christians together in a common plan for reading and engaging with scripture. Father Bob is planning monthly Adult Forum gatherings to support your reading. For a sneak peak, see the website at **www.walkingwiththeword.org.** There will be an email list, so let Erin know if you'd like to be on it.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

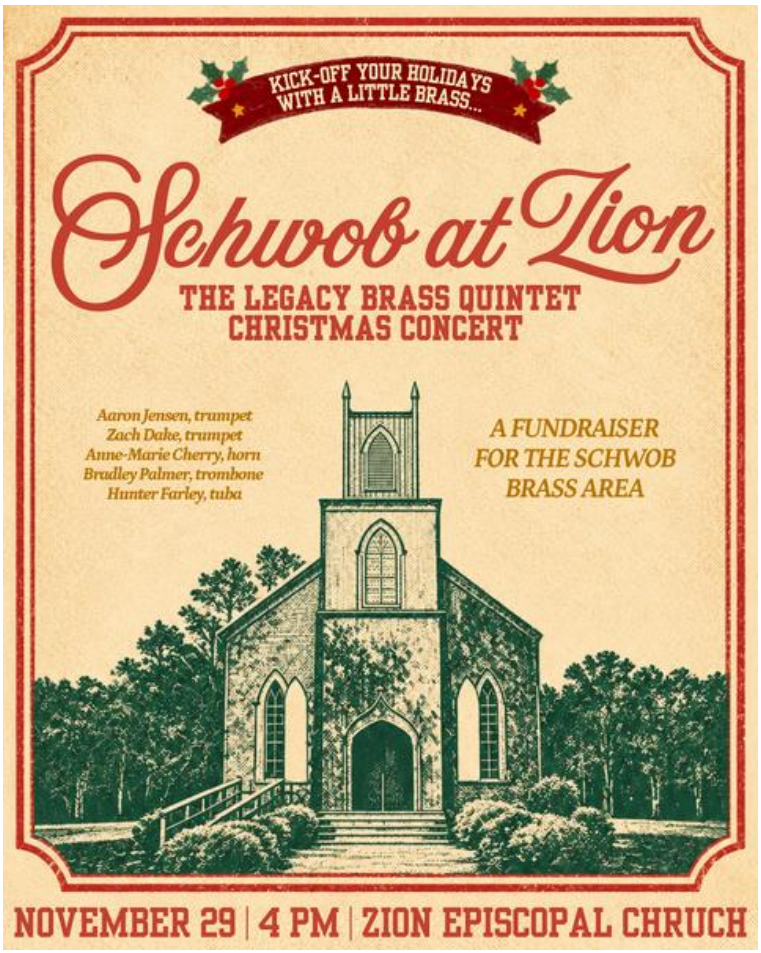


Your prayers are asked for Ryder Hughes, the grieving family of Carey Washington Vinson, Bailey Brown, Dick Wood, Ken Crew, Tommy Goodman, Katherine Johnson, David Mullins, and Hollis Hale. Continuing prayers and loving thoughts for those who have ongoing needs and struggles: Liz Dixon, Hudson Garrett, Nonie Bueche, 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, including giving and capital gains tax and preventing hidden homelessness.



ST. MARK'S WELCOMES

Kayla Craig



Kayla Craig is a former journalist, bestselling author, and spiritual director whose work blends contemplative faith with fierce tenderness for the world God loves. She brings curiosity, compassion, and a love of connection to her writing. Her books include *To Light Their Way, Every Season Sacred*, and the newly released *Our Daily Breath.*

Tuesday, December 1
5:30 pm | Parent Dinner - for parents of any age and stage

Wednesday, December 2
4:00 - 5:00 pm | Meet and Greet, Book Signing
5:30 pm | Homilist at Evening Eucharist
6:00 pm | Keynote Speaker, Dinner

Childcare provided
RSVP online or 706-884-8911

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2027 PLEDGE

Saint Nicholas
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

My financial commitment for the coming church year:

Total amount: $ _____.

I will pay my pledge _____ weekly _____ monthly

_____ quarterly _____ once _____ as I can

VANCO USERS: If you are starting a new recurring payment or are changing the amount of your pledge, you must do this on Vanco yourself – the church is not authorized to make changes to your personal financial accounts. Contact Erin if you need guidance.

I would like more information on:

_____ setting up payments from my checking account/credit card.

_____ including the church in my estate plans.

_____ making my gift through stocks or securities.

Use this QR code to go straight to the Stewardship page on the St. Nicholas website:

Return to the church office at PO Box 752, Hamilton, GA 31811
OR place in the offering plate
OR send Erin an email at contact@stnicholashamilton.org