



AUGUST 2026

Worship in August

August 2	Worship at Blue Springs! <i>The 10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
August 9	Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>The 11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
August 16	Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>The 12th after Pentecost</i>
August 23	Holy Eucharist, Rite II <i>The 13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>
August 30	Pulpit Swap at Christian Valley Church

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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Coming Up in the Parish

AUG 2	Annual Parish Picnic at Blue Springs
AUG 5	St. Nicholas Book Club after Evening Prayer at 5 p.m.
AUG 19	Cookies, Crafts & Conversation 3 p.m.
AUG 26	St. Nicholas Game Day 3 p.m.
AUG 30	Pulpit Swap at Christian Valley Church in Cataula

IN OUR PARISH

Annual Parish Picnic August 2 - Our tradition continues with outdoor worship at the Callaway family's Blue Springs on Sunday, August 2 at 10 a.m., followed by a covered-dish picnic. There is a food sign-up sheet on the kitchen pass-through for sides and desserts. It is fine to bring friends, swimsuits and towels! On the off-chance that it is raining Sunday morning, the service will move back to the church.

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.

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.)

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Wesley Brown, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, Armani Butzon, and Hollis Hale. 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.

Thinking about HOSPITALITY

Quiz: WHY are we doing this "Wonder Church" on the first Sunday of the month?

- A. To provide a more accessible service to non-Episcopalian visitors.
- B. To explore the different ways the Episcopal Church encourages us to connect with the sacred in our worship.
- C. To create a service that might resonate more with young people.
- D. To mix things up a little for all of us.
- E. All of the above.

Yep, it's E! (C'mon, it's always E.) These days fewer people are being raised Episcopalian - or in a church at all! Millennials and Gen Z can find our worship style a little "members only," and the Episcopal Church now gives us more latitude to create worship that welcomes everyone into connection with God. Got ideas on Wonder Church? Let Father Bob know.



August Birthdays:

Dick Wood
Kelly Dimon
Reba Lantzy
Ashton Johnson

August Anniversaries:

Chris and Andy Butzon
Lynn and Kenny Hall
Riley-Anne and Jay Johnson



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 **42** households since January 1.

Many thanks to **Katherine Johnson**, who celebrated her special occasion with a donation this month.

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 (Special Needs Trusts, Challenge Grants, Biblical vs. Criminal Justice, and supporting Justice-Impacted Neighbors).

IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY



Care for Caregivers

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

AUGUST 11TH

Time: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Location:

Harris County Public Library
7511 GA-116
Hamilton, GA 31811

Join Family Connections at the Harris County Public Library for a Mental Health Session hosted by the Pastoral Institute.

INSIGHT

Connect with others who are struggling to manage the stress and pressure of caring for loved ones and explore techniques for prioritizing your mental wellness, setting healthy boundaries and navigating changes at work and home.



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