

This Week at



AUGUST 14
2025

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, August 17

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The 10th Sunday After Pentecost

Dedication of David Johnson tree planting to follow service

WEDNESDAY, August 20

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

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Upcoming Events

AUGUST 17: Dedication of David Johnson tree planting after the service

AUGUST 18: Vestry meets via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.

PULPIT SWAP IS BEING MOVED to September 28

SEPTEMBER 1: Labor Day - office closed

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Connect and Serve

First Sunday Brunch

Our monthly fellowship brunch is back after a summer break! Sign-up for hosting is on the bulletin board in the hallway. Teaming up with someone to host is encouraged!

IN OUR PARISH

Dedication of David Johnson Tree Planting August 17

Join us after the Sunday service on August 17 for a brief dedication ceremony of the trees planted in memory of David Johnson.

Vestry Meets August 18

The Vestry will meet Monday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom to conduct the business of the church. Guests are welcome; let Erin know if you'd like the link to attend. To view the July minutes and financial reports, [click here](#), or see Erin for a hard copy.

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 Katherine Johnson, Bruce and Gabe Clouser, Joseph Edgar Alderson, and Edward Martin.

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.



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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From The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations:
Public Policy & Witness Weekly Prayers

www.episcopalchurch.org/ogr/public-policy-and-witness-weekly-prayers-august-8/

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.

Just for Laughs



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Looking for a way to volunteer in your community?
Need community service for a club or activity?
Opportunities to volunteer are available!

HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY





TEEN VOLUNTEER DAYS

Join our Remind for updates
81010 @hcplgateen


<https://www.remind.com/join/hcplgateen>

Snacks are provided and volunteer hours count toward club requirements!

The Wait is Over! **Senior Exercise Program is BACK!**

 **Waverly Hall Gym**
 **First Class: Tuesday, August 5th**
 **11 AM-12 PM**
 **Classes held every Tuesday & Thursday | 11 AM-12 PM**

✓ No equipment needed — **just bring YOU!**

 Spots are limited!


 **Text "Save my Spot" to (706) 570-0729** (Be sure to include your name and we will contact you!)

Stronger! Fitter! Together! See you there!

FREE!!

Let's get moving, Harris County!

Thanks to the incredible support of the **Town of Waverly Hall**, our much-loved Senior Exercise Program is making its comeback!

 A HUGE shout out to our coach **Lee Garcia of Foundation Training Facility (FTF)** — your certified motivator and movement expert! FTF's mission: *To guide YOU to reach your fitness and personal goals.*

-   Let's move, stretch, and strengthen—TOGETHER!