

This Week at



**JANUARY
15
2026**

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, January 18: *The 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany*

Lay Ministers: Chris Butzon, William Morgan, Steve Morse,
Katherine Johnson, Martha Dimon, Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Carleen Frokjer

WEDNESDAY, January 21

Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

JAN 19: MLK Day (office closed)

Harris County MLK Celebration - see below

JAN 21: Coffee, Cookies & Conversation group meets 3:00

FEB 1: First Sunday Brunch

FEB 8: Office closed

FEB 8: Scouting Sunday

Connect and Serve: **Harris Co. MLK Day**

The Harris County Men's Club is again sponsoring an MLK Day celebration in Hamilton. The parade starts at 1:00 p.m. on January 19, with an uplifting and thoughtful program at 2:00. All events begin at old Carver High, 757 Carver Circle. All are invited to be in community and unity on this day.

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IN OUR PARISH

2025 Tax Year Giving Statements went out Thursday morning, by email if you have an email address on file with us; otherwise by U.S. mail. If you did not receive one, check your spam folder first, then contact Erin in the office. Also contact Erin if you have any questions about your statement or if you need a hard copy printed for you. Thanks to everyone for your generous support of St. Nicholas in 2025!

Do you feel called to serve your church at a deeper, more spiritual level? **Licensed Lay Eucharistic Ministry** may be what you're looking for. Eucharistic Ministers minister to their fellow congregants by assisting the priest with Eucharist on Sunday morning. Eucharistic Visitors bring communion to homebound members of our church family. See Father Bob if you would like to explore this ministry.

Cookies, Crafts, & Conversation meets January 21. A casual group that gets comfortable in the Gathering Room, sips tea and coffee, eats cookies, and chats about whatever strikes us. Stitch if you got 'em! Join us on 3rd Wednesdays at 3:00, with time to tidy up before Evening Prayer. Friends welcome!

Book Club News: At its January meeting, the St. Nicholas Book Club selected *Theo of Golden* by local author Allen Levi. From *GoodReads*: *Questions linger about Theo, a pleasant but mysterious stranger, after his arrival in the southern city of Golden.... He arrives early one spring and by chance - or is it? - he visits a coffee shop where 92 framed pencil portraits are on display. Inspired, Theo sets out on a mission of purchasing all the portraits one at a time and quietly bestowing them on their 'rightful owners.'* Stories are told; friendships are born; and lives are changed.

Scouting Sunday is February 8! If you have any Scouts or Scout leaders in your family – current and former - that would like to join us for recognition and small reception after the service, please invite them!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Lynn and Charles Norris Nominated for First Annual Absalom Jones Dignity Award

We are so proud to announce that Lynn and Charles Norris have been nominated for this award, which honors those who embody the mission of the Absalom Jones Center and the legacy of Rev. Absalom Jones. The recipient will be: recognized at the inaugural Dignity Awards Dinner in February, highlighted in the evening's program and celebrated across the diocese as a model of faithful, justice-centered leadership.

Lynn and Charles Norris, members of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church in Hamilton, are two of the founding members of the Community Remembrance Project Harris County, Georgia. Inspired by Striving for Justice Conversations led by Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry, The Community

Remembrance Project is committed to memorializing those whose lives were taken unjustly in terror lynchings in the county. At least nine men and one woman were lynched in Harris County between 1861 and 1947. No perpetrators were named and no charges were brought. In 2022 the Hamilton City Council passed a resolution to recognize these victims and commissioned a citizens group to create a memorial park. The group formed the non-profit Community Remembrance Project which aims to inspire and educate the public about racial injustice, ensuring truth telling and healing regarding this difficult history.

Working with the Equal Justice Initiative, Lynn, Charles, and other members of the Harris County Community Remembrance Project Board led their community to begin the steps outlined by EJI with the goal of creating a park to house the EJI memorial marker to victims in Harris County. The Hamilton City Council set aside land in 2023 for a memorial park. The Community Remembrance Project held several public conversations and events, conducted a student essay contest, sponsored trips to the EJI Legacy Museum and Memorial in Montgomery, sponsored racial trust building workshops, and committed to necessary fund raising, which is ongoing. Students from the Tuskegee School of Architecture prepared potential designs for the memorial park and the HCCRP took delivery of the park design plan from their contractor in October of 2025.

The City of Hamilton recently took control of the memorial park effort. The city has not yet explained their reasons for doing so but does say they will follow through on their commitment to create a memorial park and place the EJI marker in the city. Lynn and Charles, working through the HCCRP, continue their ministry of reconciliation by facilitating communication between EJI and the city of Hamilton. The Community Remembrance Project remains committed to truth, justice, and unity activities in Harris County; initiating a local Juneteenth celebration, offering Racial Trustbuilding workshops and other events focused on healing, hope, and relationship building across racial lines. Their website, remembranceharriscoga.org describes their ongoing work.

Lynn and Charles are involved with several racial healing initiatives in their county, in addition to the Community Remembrance Project. They credit an early version of Diocese of Atlanta Dismantling Racism Training as well as Striving for Justice conversations offered by CVEM for inspiring them to begin this work and continue it despite obstacles.

You can read more about the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing at www.centerforracialhealing.org/

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Dick Wood, Dianne Abernethy, Christine Risdon, Emily Minton, Gene Wells, Brody Johnson, Hudson Garrett, Peggy Gjertsen, and Kenny Hall and his family. Continued prayers and loving thoughts for our beloved homebound congregants: Mike Sawyer and Liz Dixon.

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 latest news.
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IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY



33rd Anniversary

**Dr Martin
20 Luther
26 King Jr
Celebration**

Jan. 19, 2026

Parade	1:00 PM
Program	2:00 PM

We're seeking Sponsors!

4 support levels **\$50 - \$300**

Please contact **(706) 302-0746**
or any member of The Club for
any detailed information.

More public Announcement will be made.

Museum, 757 Carver Circle, Hamilton, GA.