

This Week at



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THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, August 9: Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.
The 11th Sunday After Pentecost

Serving this Sunday: Charles and Lynn Norris, Bob and Judy McCracken, Connie Blackmon, Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Alex Garrett and Jim Gilliam

WEDNESDAY, August 14: Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

AUG 16: Vestry meets after the service

AUG 19: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation 3 p.m.

AUG 26: Game Day! At 3 p.m.

AUG 30: Pulpit Swap at Christian Valley Church

SEP 7: Labor Day (office closed)

IN OUR PARISH

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 *The Dry*, Jane Harper's debut novel. It has been widely praised as a gripping, atmospheric mystery with intricate plotting and compelling character development.

The Dry is set in the drought-stricken Australian town of Kiewarra, where Federal Agent Aaron Falk returns after twenty years to investigate the deaths of his childhood friend Luke Hadler and his family. The novel explores long-buried secrets, small-town tensions, and the psychological impact of past traumas, all against the backdrop of a harsh, unforgiving landscape.

Rector's Discretionary Fund needs a boost! 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.)

A **Memory Garden Work Day** is being planned for September 27. (Yes, this is a Sunday!) We're hoping to get our church garden spiffy after the worst heat of summer has passed. Caring for the Memory Garden is one way we continue to honor our beloved dead and the beautiful little patch of God's creation that St. Nicholas calls home. The church will provide a sandwich lunch, so bring the kids and a change of clothes to church so we can all play in the dirt together.

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Michael Davis, Scott Jarrette, Corrinne Barnes, Kim Stokes, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, Hollis Hale, Faith Birkhead, and Armani Butzon. 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.

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

Whether attending any of these events is feasible for you or not, just take a look at everything GIPL (Georgia Interfaith Power & Light) is doing in Georgia in the next couple of months! If you want to go to any of them, [register here](#) (gipl.org/events)



- **August Green Team Roundtable –Aug. 11, 12-1 p.m., on Zoom.** *(Online)* Learn how faith communities can engage in political action.
- **From Pollution to Solutions: Protecting Health Through Electrification – Aug. 18, 6:30-8 p.m., Decatur First United Methodist Church.** Join GIPL, Georgia Clinicians for Climate Action, and Electrify Decatur to explore practical electrification solutions that lower emissions, improve indoor air quality, and cut energy costs at home and in your congregation.
- **Intown Family Garba – Sept. 12, 4:30-9:30 p.m., Ebster Recreation Center, Decatur.** Celebrate Navaratri with music, art, dancing, and food. All proceeds benefit GIPL.
- **Reverse Tashlich – Sept. 20, 10 a.m. - noon, Mason Mill Park. (Metro Atlanta)** – Join this global Jewish environmental ritual and river cleanup in partnership with Adamah ATL.
- **World Rivers Day Creek Cleanups – Sept. 27, 2-4 p.m. (Metro Atlanta)** – In celebration of World Rivers Day and Global Ismaili Civic Day, faith communities across metro Atlanta will come together for an interfaith service opportunity, caring for our waterways, local ecosystems, and neighbors by cleaning up our local creeks.
- **Building Bridges Under the Sukkah: An Interfaith Exploration of Sukkot, Sept. 30, 12-1:30 p.m., Ahavath Achim Synagogue. (Metro Atlanta)** – Share a harvest meal and reflect on our shared responsibility to the land with Adamah ATL.