

This Week at



**JULY
9
2026**

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, July 12: Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.
The 7th Sunday After Pentecost

with guest *Hannah Shultz, M.Div.*

Program Director at Georgia Interfaith Power & Light

Lay Ministers: Charles & Lynn Norris, William Morgan, Steven Morse, Drucey Cox, Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Alex Garrett & Jim Gilliam

WEDNESDAY, July 15: Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

JUL 12: Guest Speaker + Adult Forum:
GIPL - Creation Care and ReWilding

JUL 15: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation 3 p.m.

JUL 19: Guest Speaker: Malinda Shamburger, Executive Director of Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (CVEM)

Vestry meets after the service

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IN OUR PARISH

This Sunday, our **guest speaker will be Hannah Shultz, M.Div.**, the Program Director at Georgia Interfaith Power & Light. GIPL has given our congregation a couple of grants over the years to improve our energy efficiency, including our programmable thermostats and our recently changed sanctuary bulbs. Hannah will deliver our Sunday message on creation care and will host an **Adult Forum** after the service on ReWilding; she'll also discuss any follow-up questions that may arise from her message.

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.

Next Sunday, our guest speaker will be Malinda Shamburger of Executive Director of Chattahoochee Valley Episcopal Ministry (CVEM).

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

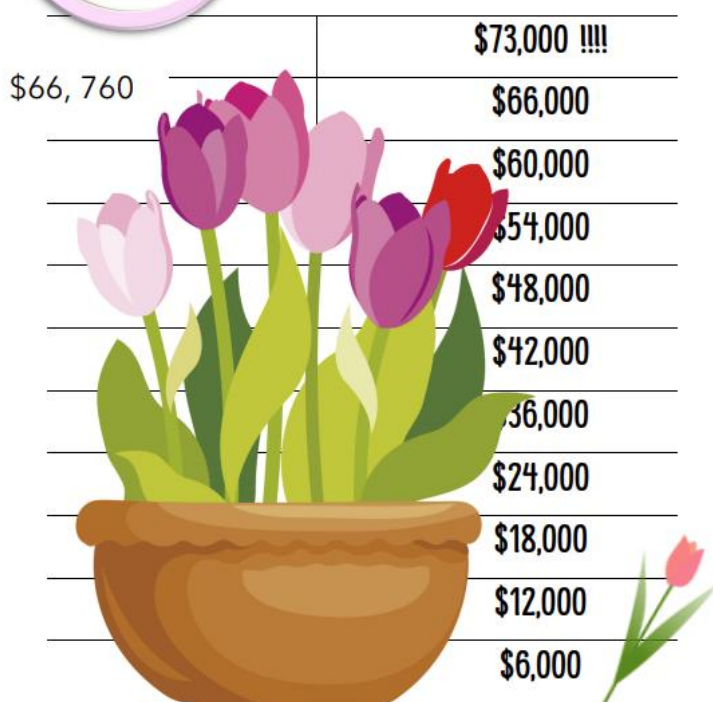
Your prayers are asked for Jay and Riley-Anne Johnson and family as they mourn the passing of Jay's mother; for Charlotte Winsness, Mary Jane Hartenstine, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, and recent visitor Anastasia Wetterow and the grieving family of William Boyd. Continued prayers and loving thoughts 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.



Capital Campaign 2026



Look what we did!

As of June 30 we are at \$66,760 in pledges to the Capital Campaign - only about \$6,000 short of our goal!

When we set our sights on \$73,000 for the campaign, we knew it was a huge stretch. But as our parish so often does in the face of a challenge, we rise to the occasion.

Thanks to everyone who has given to this campaign to reduce our mortgage principal and free our pledge funds to do more meaningful work.

While the campaign has officially come to a close, of course we are happy to continue to accept pledges and contributions. Our goal may yet be met!

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.
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IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY

Anne Frank in Translation: Traveling Exhibit

Harris County Public Library July 10 - 23



Explore the remarkable journey of a global icon. Anne Frank's status as a symbol of Holocaust history and literature was not inevitable; it is the result of a complex interplay between her story's profound resonance and the dedicated efforts of those who have championed her legacy.

This traveling display from Kennesaw State University highlights the "translators" of her story—family members, protectors, publishers, artists, and educators—who have worked tirelessly to bring her voice from context to context and generation to generation. Join us to discover how these abiding efforts have shaped our understanding of Anne Frank today.