

This Week at



**AUGUST
13
2026**

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, August 16: Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.
The 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Serving this Sunday: John Brent, Sheri Cody, Katherine Johnson, Martha Dimon, Riley-Anne Johnson

Flowers: Margaret Zachry

WEDNESDAY, August 19: Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

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 6: Wonder Church/1st Sunday Brunch

SEP 7: Labor Day (office closed)

SEP 27: Memory Garden Ministry Day after church

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IN OUR PARISH

Want to help with our El Refugio ministry but can't make it down to Lumpkin?

They need gas cards! The hospitality house offers \$25 cards to families who may be straining their budget to make the trip to Stewart Detention Center. Any station you see in the Columbus or Atlanta area is just fine. Get your cards/donations to Margaret Zachry or Erin Renfroe any time.

The **El Refugio** ministry is our small but mighty response to the need recognized by our diocese: 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. St. Nicholas sends volunteers on Sunday afternoon to do laundry and household chores, but there are plenty of ways to help.



Note-worthy News

Hello St. Nicholas!!

I would like to announce the start of a new team here for music and worship, called the **Music & Worship Team** (clever, I know). Its main purpose will be to plan future music events, such as an Evensong service once a quarter, evening concerts, and much more. We will also look at Sunday morning services and determine what's working and what may need adjusting - not only with music but the whole service. Another part of the team's mission, which will take work, will be to grow the church by initiating programs for children. Since we have a connection already with the Boy Scouts of America - Pack 109 meets once a month here - and Backsnacks, we can use those connections to build more programs through music. After school music lessons, adding a music segment to the Scouts' meeting, starting a community youth choir - these are just some of the ideas we are working on. We are looking at the future of St. Nicholas and how we can bring in families that will keep this church vital and thriving for its parishioners, the community, and beyond. I am very excited about this team as we have several ideas for the rest of the year and well into next year.

Kevin Anderson

Music Director & Organist



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. The Book Club next meets on September 2 after Evening Prayer at 5:00 p.m.

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 Ministry 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 - 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, Kim Stokes, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, Hollis Hale, and Faith Birkhead. 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 (church-community partnerships, managing volunteer shortages, and grant news).
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**Saturday, October 17
5:00 p.m.**

**Good food. Live music. Family
fun. And the warmth of community
spirit.**

Join us as we share stories, make
new friends, and come together to
raise funds for St. Nicholas!

\$65 per adult.



Traditional Low Country Boil

Shrimp and Sausage OR Pork Tenderloin
with Corn on the Cob, and Seasoned Potatoes
Fresh, warm Beignets for dessert!
Tea and Lemonade. Cash bar.

\$5 Kids Plate: Hot dog, Chips, Fruit and Ice Cream

**Make your reservations online at www.stnicholashamilton.org
or by phone: 706-587-3243**

Reservation deadline: October 12

IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY



Coping with Grief and Loneliness

FAMILY CONNECTIONS

OCTOBER 6TH

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.