



SEPTEMBER 2026

Worship in August

- September 6** **Wonder Church**
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost
- September 13** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 16th Sunday after Pentecost
- September 20** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 17th after Pentecost
- September 27** **Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Evening Prayer

Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

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Coming Up in the Parish

- SEP 6: Wonder Church and Anniversary Party!
- SEP 7: Labor Day (office closed)
- SEP 16: Cookies, Crafts, and Conversation 3:00 p.m.
- SEP 20: Vestry meeting
- SEP 23 – 29: Erin Vacation (office closed)
- SEP 30: Game Day! 3:00 p.m.

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 Renfro 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.



Get ready to celebrate!

Our own Riley-Anne and Jay Johnson are inviting their church family to celebrate their 25th Anniversary with them on Sunday, September 6 after church. Come join in a meal and cake and wish the happy couple well on this milestone day. (Psst... bring your best toasts!)



The St. Nicholas Book Club has chosen Alison Larkin's *The People We Keep* for their next selection.

(From *GoodReads*) A lyrical coming-of-age novel about a young woman's journey through heartbreak, chosen family, self-discovery, and creative resilience in 1990s upstate New York. Little River, New York, 1994: April Sawicki is living in a motorless motorhome that her father won in a poker game. Failing out of school, picking up shifts at a local diner, she's left fending for herself in a town where she's never quite felt at home. After a fight with her dad, April packs her stuff and leaves for good, setting off on a journey to find a life that's all hers. Driving without a chosen destination, she stops to rest in Ithaca. Her only plan is to survive, but as she looks for work, she finds a kindred sense of belonging at Cafe Decadence, the local coffee shop. As April moves through the world, meeting people who feel like home, she chronicles her life in the songs she writes and discovers that where she came from doesn't dictate who she has to be.

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.)

There are two Rector's Discretionary Bears still waiting for adoption. If a different outfit might make you fall in love, let Erin know!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Nonie Bueche, John Wilson, Doris McCulloh, Joshua Freese and the grieving family of baby Gianna, Eleanor Russell, Michael Davis, Makenzlee Green, Scott Jarrette, Kim Stokes, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, and Hollis Hale.



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.

Thinking about HOSPITALITY

What is the number one way to get a visitor through the door at St. Nicholas?

- A. Grab them off the street, stuff them in the trunk of your car, and screech out to Mobley Rd.
- B. Leave your service bulletin at Breaking Bread and hope it inspires someone.
- C. Put an ad in the Harris County Journal.
- D. Offer a heartfelt personal invitation to a friend.

It's D! Word of mouth from people you know and love is the best way to get a newcomer to your church. Our "special" services and events - Blessing of the Animals, the Christmas season, Bluegrass Sunday, and Easter, for example - are a great time to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us - and we all know they'll just love us once they're here!

September Birthdays:

Drucye Cox
Annabelle Hughes
Linda Sawyer
Mike Hartenstine
Abbie McMurtry
Charlotte Winsness

August Anniversaries:

Martha & Kelly Dimon
Charles & Lynn Norris

Have you considered making a donation to the Rector's Discretionary Fund in honor of your birthday or other special occasion?

The Fund is how we share the love of Christ with our neighbors by providing small grants to those who need help with their rent or utility bills.

The need in our community remains high and the fund goes fast. We have helped **46** households since January 1!

Many thanks to **Connie Blackmon** and **Sheri Cody**, who celebrated her father's heavenly birthday with a donation this month - and to everyone who has adopted bears!



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 (Aging by Design, Feeding the 5,000, managing volunteer shortages, and grant news).

LOW COUNTRY

LET THE GOOD TIMES BOIL



*Let the Good Times Boil
at St. Nicholas Church!*

**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.

Low Country Boil Buffet Dinner

Saturday, October 17
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church (outdoors)
69 Mobley Road, Hamilton

5:00 Family Fun & Fellowship
Games for kids and big kids!
Live Music with Lee Daniel
50/50 Raffle

6:00 Dinner catered by Chef Chris
of J's Catch Market & Grill

Traditional Low Country Boil
Shrimp, Sausage, Corn on the Cob, and Seasoned Potatoes
or Pork Tenderloin, 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