

This Week at



**AUGUST
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2026**

THE PARISH AT A GLANCE

Worship

SUNDAY, August 23: Holy Eucharist, Rite II 10:00 a.m.
The 13th Sunday After Pentecost

Serving this Sunday: Margaret Zachry, Sheri Cody, Drucye Cox, Martha Dimon,

Flowers: Beth Brown

WEDNESDAY, August 26: Evening Prayer 5:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

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

AUG 30: Pulpit Swap at Christian Valley Church

SEP 6: Wonder Church and Anniversary Party!

SEP 7: Labor Day (office closed)

Hey! Are you interested in going to Hamilton's Trunk-or-Treat on October 22 (5 - 8 p.m.) at Mike Tracey Arena? Put your name on the sign-up sheet in the narthex - we'll decide whether or not St. Nicholas is participating based on response.

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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.



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 with cake after and wish the happy couple well on this milestone day. (Psst... bring your best toasts!)



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.)

The **Memory Garden Day** scheduled for September 27 will be **rescheduled**. Great plans are afoot - stay tuned!

IN OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are asked for Eleanor Russell, Michael Davis, Makenzlee Green, Scott Jarrette, Kim Stokes, Rev. Bob Farrow, David Mullins, Hollis Hale, Faith Birkhead, and Ann Johnston and the grieving family of Paul Johnston. 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).

Who let the BEARS out?

Know a child with a special occasion coming up? Want to give a kid a lift as they head back to school?

A dozen adorable bears have tumbled into St. Nicholas. They wear handmade outfits and come with a bookbag, a cross necklace, and a tiny booklet of children's prayers.

The bears can be adopted for a minimum donation of \$25 each, with the proceeds benefitting the Rector's Discretionary Fund (which helps our neighbors in need with utilities and rent).

The bears are scattered throughout the church. Find your favorite and drop a check in the offering plate or see Rose Brent.





**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

GAME TIME

Wednesday, August 26 at 3:00pm



Join us and play
Cribbage,
Mexican Train, or
Mahjong.
Learn as you play!

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