



Episcopal Church  
of the Holy Family  
Jasper, GA 770-893-4525

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Creating Christian Community: Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

This week at Holy Family Episcopal Church

## *Touchstone*

**Sunday Adult Education:** This Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a five session film series, *A New Family*. The series features New York Times best-selling author, Rachel Held Evans. A native of Tennessee, she wrote and spoke about "faith, doubt and life in the Bible belt". Her books include *Inspired*, *Searching for Sunday*, *Faith Unraveled* and *A Year of Biblical Womanhood*. She served on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

*A New Family* explores inclusivity in the church. Evans said, "The folks you are shutting out of the church today will be leading it tomorrow. The future is in the margins". Please join us as we explore opening the doors of the sanctuary. What might a future in the margins look like? Coffee time begins at 9:00 AM followed by the film and discussion at 9:15 AM. Questions? Call Kathleen Allen-Leonard.

Zoom Meeting ID: 833 8671 2826

**Click for Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83386712826>

**Holy Family Book Club:** Please join us for discussion of our next book, *American Dirt*, by Jeanine Cummins. This book was an Oprah Book Club pick, a NY Times bestseller, and highly acclaimed by critics. *American Dirt* is a novel which addresses the issues of immigration across our southern border and the reasons for the migration of people from countries less fortunate than ours. It is available in hardback, paperback, and electronically to read or listen to. We plan two sessions to discuss this book which is so relevant to our times, Wednesday, November 3 and 10, at 6:00pm, via Zoom (and maybe in person also). We hope you will join us! *Terry Franzen*

**Giving From Retirement Accounts:** As we approach the end of 2021, many of you have retirement accounts that have an annual required minimal distribution (RMD) as a percentage of the holdings that you have in the retirement account. The IRS requires you to pay tax on the distribution, however if you contribute your RMD

to a non-profit organization such as Holy Family, you avoid 100% of the tax. A number of our parishioners pay their entire next year's pledge using this process.

You can simply have your distribution check sent to Holy Family and indicate that the amount is for your 2022 pledge. You could also choose to use part of your distribution for your pledge and another portion for the mortgage reduction fund, for example. This is a nice simple and painless way to avoid tax while at the same time making your desired contributions to Holy Family. If you have questions please feel free to contact Jim Braley as Chair of the Finance Ministry or your financial advisor.

**St. Francis Day Thank-yous:** Many of you pitched in to make our outdoor St. Francis Day blessing of the animals a holy, memorable and fun event. Since rain moved us to the pavilion, lots of details had to be worked out on the fly. Phil and Carolyn Anderson provided refreshments for the 'coffee' moment after the service. Ushers arrived early and stayed late to greet and orient people to the service. Rosemary Lovelace, Ric Sanchez and other worship team members made the logistics work. John Carter and the choir lifted folks/ spirits with their music.

Particular thanks goes to the broadcast team who switched gears to stream and tape the 8:00 service so our online worshippers wouldn't be left without a service to attend. I am grateful. *G. Yandell*

**Stewardship of Money:** Each Sunday in both the 8:00 and 10:30 services, ministry leaders are presenting goals and needs for their respective ministries. This Sunday Bob Wheeler will speak about the Buildings Ministry.

**CDC Protocols About COVID:** Updated information for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant currently circulating in the United States.

- Added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of **substantial or high transmission**.
- Added information that fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at **increased risk for severe disease** from COVID-19, or if they have someone in their household who is immunocompromised, at increased risk of severe disease or not fully vaccinated.
- Added a recommendation for fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 14 days or until they receive a negative test result.

- CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Given these protocols, and the fact that infections in Pickens County have not slowed significantly, with low vaccination rates, all parishioners attending indoor meetings and worship services are still required to wear masks, regardless of your vaccination status. Masks will be available at Sunday services for those who forget their own.  
*George Yandell, Rector*

UNRESTRICTED GIVING THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2021

Anticipated Contributions for September	\$38,017
Actual Contributions in September	\$31,030
Anticipated Contributions January-September	\$372,126
Actual Contributions January-September	\$384,380
Mortgage balance 9/15/2021	\$78,658.12



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The Rev. George S. Yandell, Rector

The Rev. Dr. Ted Hackett, Priest Associate - The Rev. Byron Tindall, Priest Associate

The Rev. Katharine Armentrout, Deacon

John King Carter, Organist/Choirmaster - Jacques LeBlanc, Sexton

Ric Sanchez, Chief Verger - Jim Braley, Verger - Amelia Broussard, Verger

Christie Beiring, Parish Administrator



**Vision:** *Revealing Jesus through our actions by extending his love for us through our service to others*

**Mission:** *Creating Christian community: serving and engaging people in vibrant ministries*