



**Episcopal Church of
The Holy Family
Jasper, Georgia**

August 5, 2022

Touchstone



Creating Christian Community: Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

This Week at Holy Family

Guest Preacher and Celebrant: On August 7 and 14 the Rev. Frank Wilson will be with us as guest preacher and celebrant in both Sunday services. Frank was Associate to the Rector with rector Jerry Zeller in our parish's early days. Frank is an accomplished musician and writer. *G. Yandell*

*Music at Holy Family is happy to announce the return of our Concert-Evensong Series in a four-event format for the 2022-2023 year.
All programs are presented on Sunday afternoons at 4:00.*

Holy Family Concert-Evensong Series 2022-23

October 16 - Southern Winds Concert Band
Gary Gaston, Director

December 18 - Festival of Lessons & Carols
featuring the Choir of Holy Family and friends

February 19 - Nathan Munson, Tenor
featuring Songs of Love

April 16 - The Trey Clegg Singers
Trey Clegg, Director
Atlanta's premiere multi-cultural choral ensemble

The Broadcast Team Needs You! The parish Broadcast Team really needs at least one additional person to operate the soundboard in the production booth. Please consider volunteering to help as this

team is responsible for the successful broadcasting of our 10:30 service and also providing it on Facebook, YouTube, and the church website. The soundboard may look complicated, but it is not and there is no experience necessary. We will train you and help you along the way as you become more comfortable with it. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping the team.

Be Extra Vigilant on Email and Social Media: We've experienced a recent uptick in scam emails in the past couple of weeks and we want to remind everyone to be extra careful to protect yourselves from these con artists. They are getting trickier! In one recent incident, a church leader supposedly sent a request for a directory to someone, who replied to the email that Christie in the office would be able to help with the request and copied Christie. Christie felt something was off and noted the email address was *not* that of the church leader but something that might be easily overlooked (vestry015@someemailsite.com). Christie then received an email from this same email addressing her by name, making the same request, and signing with the church leader's name. Christie called the church leader directly and confirmed that the email was *not* from them. Email addresses might not always be a giveaway, however. In an example last week, several people received an email from one of our members and the email address was indeed the member's email. Though the speech pattern was not what we would expect of this church member and the request to reply only by email was odd, a few people did reply to the email. Two received response emails asking for money and they immediately knew it was a scam. Speech patterns and gut feelings were more telling in that example. And recently a bank warning highlighted a new social media scam. Financial assistance is requested in the form of gift cards. After the gift cards are sent, the scammer claims the cards don't work and the scammer gives instructions that actually lead the victim to call a fake phone number. They are then requested to scan a QR code at a Bitcoin ATM...and the victim's account is quickly drained. Following is a short list mixed with some advice from Google of things you can do to protect yourself:

- Look at the sending email address; if it doesn't match the email you have for that person, it is likely not them (not always foolproof).
- Never respond to requests for private information.
- Don't click links, download files, enter passwords, etc. from untrustworthy or unknown senders.
- Never enter your password after clicking a link in a message.
- Beware of messages that sound urgent and request your help, especially when they request to correspond via email only.
- Know that when you're on the computer you can hover your cursor over a link before clicking on it and it will show the URL (address) of the web page; if this doesn't match the description of the link, it might be leading you to a phishing site.
- Trust your instincts. If something feels off in the way something is being said or what is being said, try calling the person to ask them if they sent you the email.
- Rather than clicking a link in an email from a company or organization you usually trust, like Amazon, UPS, your bank, etc., use your browser to access the site directly and check your messages and account from there (not an email link). Scammers can make their emails look like --- and sound like -- they are legitimate to trick you into clicking a link.

Christian Education: Through August 14, the Adult Education group will be discussing Brian McLaren's new book, *Do I Stay Christian?* McLaren, a former college English instructor, was a pastor for twenty-four years. The book is divided into three parts: "No", "Yes" and "How". We will devote two weeks of our discussion to each section. *Do I Stay Christian?* is available on Amazon in both hardback and Kindle editions. McLaren is a very accessible writer. If you've never joined an Adult Education book discussion, this would be a good place to start. All are welcome. Questions? Call Kathleen Allen-Leonard.

Wonderful Wednesday - August 17: Mark your calendars now for the next Wonderful Wednesday at 5:00 on August 17 at the Bent Tree pavilion. These gatherings include a simple outdoor Eucharist, potluck picnic, and fellowship. This month we will host a cookout and make hamburgers, hotdogs, veggie burgers, and condiments. Tea, water, plates, and utensils are also provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. BYOB if you choose. *G. Yandell*

Habitat Pickens Golf Tournament Volunteers Needed: Holy Family is a sponsor of the first Habitat Pickens Golf Tournament scheduled at Big Canoe on Monday, August 22. We have a team playing to win! But, Habitat needs volunteers to make the day successful. Habitat is raising funds to develop Phase 2 of New Hope Acres, its Habitat subdivision off Philadelphia Road. What's in this for you? Fun! and a fabulous shirt (\$10 donation requested). So, let's help Habitat raise some money! To volunteer, go to <https://www.habitatpickensga.org/events>.

Thanks! *Holy Family Outreach Ministry*

Ukraine Relief: For links to donate to the International Disaster Response Fund and a list of other organizations you might consider if you wish to help Ukraine relief efforts, please visit our home page at holyfamilyepiscopalchurch.net.

UNRESTRICTED GIVING THROUGH JUNE 2022

Anticipated Contributions for May	\$33,710
Actual Contributions in May	\$30,442
Anticipated Contributions January - May	\$241,494
Actual Contributions January - May	\$266,997
Mortgage Balance	\$38,864



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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*

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