February 3, 2023





Creating Christian Community: Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

This Week at Holy Family

Sunday Adult Education: This Sunday we resume the series 'Reading Between the Lines' on February 5. The curriculum is tied to the Church year. Each Sunday focuses on one or more of the readings we hear in Sunday worship. This Sunday focuses on Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]. *G. Yandell*

Tai Chi Class: Tai Chi classes continue on Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. The classes are held in the Conference Center. New folks are welcome to join any of the classes - cost is \$10 per person. *G. Yandell*

Memorial Service for Joyce Faircloth: The memorial service for Joyce Faircloth is this Saturday, February 4th at 2:00 pm at St. Mary and St Martha of Bethany Episcopal Church at 4346 Ridge Road in Buford, GA. If you wish to reach out to Ray, the home address is 5135 West Broad Street #154, Sugar Hill, Georgia 30518.

Lent Program with Dr. David Pacini: David Pacini has agreed to be our Lent program speaker, but with some twists; he will preach on Ash Wednesday (both services) to kick off his series about the Great Vigil of Easter. He will teach not only on the 5 Wednesday evenings in Lent but also on Wednesday in Holy Week. This promises to be an amazing series, all about the Great Vigil and its theology, its treatment over the centuries and its biblical background.

Dr. Pacini was our Lenten teacher 4 years ago. He was keen on presenting the best- attended Lent series in Holy Family's history, which he accomplished. More details to follow. *G. Yandell*

Welcome Hands Quilters: As we have no attendees for this coming Saturday, the next meeting for the Welcome Hands Quilters will be Saturday, **February 18** from 10 am-noon in the Parish Hall. Meetings will continue every first and third Saturday of each month in the Parish Hall. If you would like to join us or if you have questions, please contact Amelia Broussard at broussardco1@msn.com.

The Welcome Hands Quilters were established in 2005 to provide an opportunity for people to share their love of quilting and to learn how to quilt if they did not know how. The group has been providing 60 x 60-inch quilts to residents of two group foster homes in the area. One is for boys and the other

is for girls. We gather on the first and third Saturday of the month to tie the quilts. The opportunity to see the work that each of us has done is lots of fun. Plus, lunch is usually part of the package. If you worry that you do not know how to quilt, that is not a problem. We will teach you how to make beautiful quilts that you can give to your families or join us in giving ours away. This has served as a great way to allow us to make quilts on a regular basis and to visit the various quilt stores in the area. Sometimes, we go on field trips to Blairsville or Marietta.

Children of Our Community in Need: Dear parishioners, did you know that the number of children served by the Weekend Snack Program has almost doubled in the past few of years? Every week we need 625 plastic grocery bags to send home snacks for children in our community to ensure they have something to eat. We still need you to bring in all of your plastic grocery bags each Sunday for this program. You will find a receptacle with a sign on it next to the wooden shelves in the parish hall for your plastic grocery bags...and it is desperately needing to be filled. Please make it a regular habit to bring these in for the 635 children in our community that are served by the Weekend Snack Program every week.

The Holy Family Church Library is Being Renewed! Our Church Library, after a recent reorganization, is now fully functional with an extensive selection of books to support, strengthen, and broaden the programs of our faith. The library operates with a self-service policy. Hours are flexible; whenever the church is open, the library is available to use. Featured authors or recent arrivals will be displayed on the book cart, so visit often to check out what's new. There is also a basket of free duplicate books on the desk to take home, share with family and friends, or donate to your favorite organization.

Procedure to Check Out Books:

- 1. Clearly print your name, date, and phone number on the book card found in the back of the book.
- 2. Put the card in the card box on the desk.

Check Out Period:

Books for Adults: 4 weeks

Books for Youth/Children: 2 weeks

Book Return: Leave the book on the desk next to the card box. The librarian will reshelve the book.

If you have any questions or you have books to donate, please contact Elaine DeNiro. edeniro@bellsouth.net

Be a sweetheart and join Legacy Ladies for a brown bag lunch on Monday, February 13th at noon in the Conference Center. Not only will there be heartwarming company conversation, but we will also fill Valentine treat bags for 100 children who attend the Pickens County Headstart program. RSVP to Ann Pinner at **pnut_brittle@hotmail.com**. We look forward to seeing you! *Katie Hawkins*

Computers for Haiti: Did Santa bring you a new laptop computer for Christmas and you are wondering what to do with your old one? We have a solution for you! As many of you know, Terry and Steve Franzen attended Christ Church, Norcross, before joining us. While at Christ Church, Terry was instrumental in establishing a partnership between St. Joseph's of Arimethea Church in Jasmin, Haiti, in 2007. This partnership is similar to ours with St. Marc's in Trouin. Through the years, Terry took refurbished computers to Jasmin for that school. The priest there has asked Terry to replace these computers which are now several years old and past their functional life. (Our own partnership school does not need additional computers at this time.) After much investigation, Terry has

concluded that sending refurbished computers which have been loaded with Open Office to Haiti is the best response to this request. There is a missionary flight service which will take the computers to Haiti for delivery to the priest in charge of the Haiti partnership program. He will ensure delivery to the school. Jim Reid has offered to work with Terry in getting the computers wiped of any personal data, upgraded as needed, and loaded with the software. Terry and Steve are covering the shipping expenses. Please contact Terry to donate your used laptop. She will arrange for a tax receipt for you from Christ Church. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed: The parish broadcast team is seeking soundboard operators. There is absolutely no experience required - operating the board is easier than it might look. Volunteers will be trained by our current operators and will have an opportunity to observe at least once and will be assisted at least once when they first begin operation. The broadcast team members rotate their duties so no one has to serve more than they wish. You too can become a tel-evangelist! *G. Yandell*





The Spring 2023 Allan Folk School is offering barn quilts, knitting, basket-making, copper enameling, leather working, quilting, and more! Visit their website for more details and to register: www.campmikell.com

Rio Grande Borderland Ministries (RGBM) is a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande that provides humanitarian support to vulnerable people in our border communities. RGBM is working to provide shelters on both sides of the Texas/Mexico border that spans from Juarez to the easternmost edge of Big Bend National Park. https://riograndeborderland.org/donate

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**.

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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