



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

**January 19, 2024**



**Saturday, Jan 27**

11:00 Tai Chi Class - CC

**Sunday, Jan 28 -**

**One Service Only at 10:30**

9:15 Christian Education

10:30 Eucharist with music Rite 2

**Parish Annual Meeting following service.**

**Monday, Jan 29**

9:30 EfM - PH

10:00 Prayer Shawl - Office Parlor

**Tuesday, Jan 30**

10:00 Yoga - CC

11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC

**Wednesday, Jan 31**

8:30 Morning Prayer - FB

9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's

**Thursday, Feb 1**

10:00 Yoga - CC

5:30 Candlemas Service &  
Chili Supper

**Friday, Feb 2**

10:00 Slow Flow Yoga - CC

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Sunday, Feb 18**

Concert Evensong with  
*The Divergent Quartet*

4:00 in the Neve

**Tuesdays in Lent**

5:00 Lenten Study: *Have a Beautiful,  
Terrible Day* - Zoom

**Wednesdays in Lent**

5:00 Lenten Series: *Death Thou Shalt  
Die* - PH

**Sundays Starting Mar 3**

New Christian Education Class:

*Inspirations for Daily Life*

5:00 - Zoom

Creating Christian Community:  
Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

## This Week at Holy Family

**One service only at 10:30 this Sunday, January 28: Annual Parish Meeting Follows immediately after the service.**

**Annual Parish Meeting Following Sunday Service:** The annual meeting of the parish follows the 10:30 service this Sunday, January 28. There will be no early service that day. The sermon during the service will be my annual rector's report. In the annual meeting, the varied ministries will submit their reports for 2023, the treasurer and finance ministry chair will present the budget for the new year, and parishioners will salute outgoing vestry members and vote to elect 3 new members for the vestry. *G. Yandell*

**Candlemas/Feast of the Presentation of Jesus:** Thursday evening, **February 1 at 5:30** Holy Eucharist will be offered in the nave. The service will be followed by the burning of the greens and a chili supper offered by the Hospitality team. *G. Yandell*

**Sunday Morning Parish Hall Class at 9:15:** On January 21 the class continues with the 12-session video series "Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God" with Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The sessions we'll view are "Paul's Mission" and "Paul's Character. It was filmed in locations in Turkey, Greece and Italy, tracing the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. Study guides will be offered for class participants. The series offers fresh insights into Paul's message for the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today. *G. Yandell*

**Tai Chi** meets this **Saturday, January 27 at 11:00** in the Conference Center. Anyone is welcome to visit the class and learn about the movements of the form. *G. Yandell*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry: Monday, January 29** is the first 2024 gathering of the Prayer Shawl Ministry in the **Church Office Parlor at 10:00 am to Noon, weather permitting**. All knitters (and those who want to knit but don't yet know how) are welcome. Please let Patricia Stimmel know if you will attend.

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**Lenten Study**  
***Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day***  
**Tuesdays – 5 PM – Zoom**

Beginning **February 27**, please join us for a Lenten study using Kate Bowler's book, *Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day*. Bowler teaches at Duke's Divinity school, authored three NY Times best sellers and hosts the "Everything Happen" podcast.

In the study's Discussion Guide, Bowler writes "Lent is full of hard truths. And it is a perfect moment for the spiritual honesty we are practicing here. We can look on this tragicomedy with love and bemusement as we wait for the someday that is God's promised future. There, God's kingdom comes. God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. And in the meantime, there's this... our beautiful, terrible days".

*Have a Beautiful, Terrible Day* is available for pre-order at Amazon or on Bowler's website. You may download the discussion guide from her website [www.katebowler.com](http://www.katebowler.com)). Bowler also offers daily email prompts from the book. You may sign up for those on her website as well.

Once you receive your book, please read the introduction to Lent found on page 96. Begin reading the daily devotionals (starting on page 98) on Ash Wednesday, February 14.

Have questions? Please contact Kathleen Allen-Leonard or Ellen DeNiro.

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**Wednesdays in Lent at 5:00 pm:** 'Death thou shalt die': Making Sense of John Donne (1572-1631), Poet, Priest, and Person with Wayne Glowka, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus of English, Reinhardt University. Plan now to attend Wednesday Lent presentations starting February 21 at 5:00 in the Parish Hall. Parishioner Wayne Glowka will offer insights into one of the most intriguing figures of the late 1500' - early 1600's in England.

The Subject: John Donne was born in London to a Catholic family in 1572, two years after the pope had declared Elizabeth I a heretic. Trying to separate himself from a family heritage that included his executed great grandfather Sir Thomas More, Donne had a checkered career as an Oxford University student, a law student, a courtier, a warrior, and a legal bureaucrat before accepting Holy Orders in the Reformed Church of England at the urging of King James. Feeling unworthy of the priesthood, Donne reluctantly accepted the call.

Each session includes snacks provided by the Hospitality Team and ends with the brief evening service of Compline led by vestry members. *G. Yandell*

**Teachings of Women Mystics in the Christian Tradition:  
Inspirations for Daily Life**  
*Sundays at 5:00 pm*

**New Christian Education Class - Sundays at 5:00 pm on Zoom:** We are excited to present a new learning opportunity for Holy Family! Beginning **Sunday evening, March 3, at 5 pm, via Zoom**, Susan Smith-Stefaniuk will facilitate learning and discussion, focusing on women mystics' teachings in the Christian tradition.

The classes will be 45 minutes, held Sundays at 5:00 pm, for up to a year (with Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Evensong Sundays off). Class members are welcome to attend as many weekly offerings as they are able (attendance every week is **not** an expectation for participation).

Goals of the class will be:

1. Discussion of the Holy Spirit's guidance in understanding and applying the readings
2. Providing historical context for the women mystics' writings
3. Increasing awareness and appreciation for women leaders in our church history.

We will use Dr. Carmen Acevedo Butcher's daily inspirational book, ***Incandescence***. The book's description on Amazon states, "Each reading includes a meditation, prayer, poem, or song, providing an oasis in a hectic day." Topics include, "God's divine, mothering love; the guidance of God's light"; and connection with others through relationship with a nurturing, forgiving God. The book can be purchased from Amazon for \$10 to \$20 (for a gently used copy). It can take up to two weeks to receive the book, so we are giving several weeks of lead time prior to our first class.

According to the bio on Amazon, the author, Dr. Carmen Butcher, is a respected writer, poet, and speaker. She graduated from the University of Georgia with a PhD in Medieval and Old English Literature; she was a Fulbright scholar at the University of London and a Carnegie Foundation Professor of the Year. She has spoken on NPR's Morning Edition and BBC's The Compass series. She teaches at the University of California, Berkeley, and she facilitates conferences on contemplation. Her newest book, *Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection: Practice of the Presence, a Revolutionary Translation*, 2022, has been praised by Richard Rohr and other contemporary theologians.

If you are interested in being added to the class list for Zoom invitations, please email Vicky Harkins at [victoriaharkins@bellsouth.net](mailto:victoriaharkins@bellsouth.net).



**Mark Your Calendars for  
Part 3 in the Evensong Series**

The next part of our 4-part Concert-Evensong series will be a performance on **Sunday, February 18 at 4:00 pm** in the Nave by the *Divergence Quartet*. The program will be composed of an eclectic mix of classical and contemporary pieces and will be followed by the brief service of Choral Evensong, led by the Choir of Holy Family and directed by Choirmaster John King Carter.

**They Almost Got Me!** This month has been exceptionally busy in the office, so when I arrived Tuesday morning and found among the long list of emails awaiting me a request from Jim Reid simply asking for a pdf copy of the directory, I was a little ruffled. First of all, where was his normal fun, bantering request? Instead, I get a cold, "Kindly send me our membership directory pdf." Swamped with a long list of other tasks to tackle, I quickly clicked REPLY and typed a response letting him know I would send it, but that he would have to wait. I knew he'd understand.

When I was able by morning's end to take a breath, I realized Jim had not replied. Besides the unusual lack of a jovial response, something felt "off". I paused the hurried pace I had been in for the last couple of weeks. That is when it dawned on me. This isn't usually something Jim would request of me nor is it his style of speech. I looked back at the email. Hovering my cursor over "Jim Reid" in the email "from" line, my breath caught in my throat. I had been so busy and distracted that I almost messed up. They almost got me. "minister.bauce@gmail.com" is *not* Jim's email. After warning everyone just last week about the uptick in scams, I almost tripped-up myself! Almost. Don't worry; all contact information is safe. They won't be using our directory to assist in running their scam.

I will take one thing from the scammers, though. I am using this story as an opportunity to remind everyone how easy it is to be busy and distracted and how that can influence our responses. They're hoping for that. That's how we become prey. If this story helps just one person pause with a possible scam and avoid it, it is well worth my embarrassment to admit they almost got me. Ironically, after writing this and getting back to my emails and work, I read an email that another Jim shared with me from another church; they were warning their congregants of scams and noting they had received an email request for a directory (which was not sent). *Christie Beiring*

**Gifts of Stock:** We are so very grateful for all the generous gifts we are blessed with from our congregation. As a reminder, when gifting stock, please contact our Parish Administrator, Christie, with your name, the stock name, and an estimated amount to ensure your contribution is applied properly. We have recently received stock from Walmart but contributor names are not included and we've no way of knowing whom to credit. If you've contributed stock in the past month or two, please confirm with Christie that it is being properly credited to you.

**Great News!** Ruth House Ministries is partnering with Habitat for Humanity to build a Transitional Home for their graduates. Graduating from Ruth House is a time of celebration, but also a challenging time for these women as they struggle to find affordable housing for themselves and their families. It is critical to the long-term success of recovery that they not return to the lives they lived before going to Ruth House. By partnering with Habitat for Humanity, Ruth House Ministries can build transitional housing for graduates and their families, providing a smoother transition to independence after graduation. Your donations can help make this transitional home a reality and donations are being matched up to \$50,000. To make a donation, please visit [RuthHouseMinistries.org/building-fund-donations](https://RuthHouseMinistries.org/building-fund-donations). *Leamarie True*

**Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN):** Holy Family Outreach Ministry is partnering with GEMN. GEMN's purpose is to gather, inspire and equip people to participate in God's global mission. Their core values are humility, inclusion and companionship. To learn more about GEMN please visit their website at [www.gemn.org](https://www.gemn.org). You'll learn things such as how the Episcopal Church is present in Israel during this terrible time of war. You'll also find things such as the Jerusalem Peacebuilder's presentation on "Nurturing Peacemaking in the Holy Lands" presented in the January 18 Mission Thursday webinar . *Leamarie True*



**We Need More Leaders of Morning Prayer:** Please consider becoming one of the leaders of Morning Prayer. It's not difficult and is done remotely from the comfort of your own home (or anywhere you have internet access) on Wednesdays. Rosemary, Anne and I are ready to help you get started. Please contact me with questions or for more information at 678-493-6609 or [bctindall@hotmail.com](mailto:bctindall@hotmail.com) and we'll go from there. Thanks, *Byron Tindall* Last, but certainly not least, Holy Family purchased a 9-foot pre-lit artificial Christmas tree for the celebration. So many women told me how much they appreciated everything that Holy Family contributed to making their holiday season at the prison a little more cheerful. *Terry Franzen*



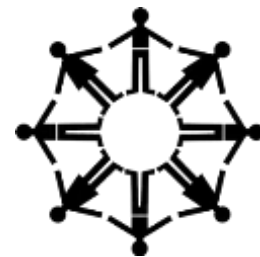
**Habitat for Humanity is looking for their next homeowner.** Attend an *Application Meeting* for interested families **Thursday, February 8 at 7:00 pm** or Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 am at the Habitat Office, 135 Cares Drive, Jasper, GA. Applications must be obtained by the interested homeowner at an application

meeting. Each meeting is expected to last one hour; please arrange for childcare. Seating is limited.

To be eligible, applicants must have been a full-time resident of Pickens County for the past year. Must have been steadily employed for the past two (2) years, all household members over the age of 18 must be willing to work 200 hours during construction, and must be able to set aside money for a small downpayment by completion of the build. Income Guidelines: the dollar amounts indicate the minimum and maximum income based on family size according to 2022 HUD requirements.

Family Size	Minimum Income	Maximum Income
1	\$20,250	\$33,750
2	\$23,150	\$38,600
3	\$26,050	\$43,400
4	\$28,900	\$48,200
5	\$32,470	\$52,100
6	\$37,190	\$55,950

**Spring 2024 Allan Folk School Registration is Open!** Registration is now open for the Spring 2024 session of The Allan Folk School at Mikell. Please join us from Friday, March 8 – Sunday, March 10, 2024 for a fantastic weekend of arts, crafts and fellowship. Download the registration form for a full list of available classes. Two from Holy Family will be teaching classes this session! For more information and to register, visit <https://campmikell.com/spring-2024-allan-folk-school-registration-is-open/>



## UNRESTRICTED GIVING NOVEMBER 2023

Anticipated Contributions for November	\$39,597
Actual Contributions in November	\$53,181

Budgeted Contributions January – November	\$395,967
Actual Contributions January – November	\$417,068



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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*

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