Touchstone

JULY 25, 2025



Saturday, July 26 10:00 Welcome Hands Quilters - PP 10:30 EfM Reunion - PH 11:00 Tai Chi - CC

Sunday, July 27 8:00 Eucharist Rite 1 9:15 Adult Christian Education 10:30 Eucharist Rite 2 *Coffee Hour: Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.* 12:15 Choir Practice

Monday, July 28 10:00 Prayer Shawls - Office 7:00 pm Women's Christian Ed - Z

Tuesday, July 29 10:00 Yoga - CC 11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC 12:00 CARES - PH Nursery

Wednesday, July 30 8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook 9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's/Z

MARK YOUR CALENDARS August 3 - Welcome the Winwards! August 6 - Healing Service August 20 - Wonderful Wednesday at *Preserve at Sharp Mountain* August 28-31 - Jeep Fest Jasper September 1 - Labor Day - Office Closed September 3 - Healing Service September 17 - Wonderful Wednesday *Grandview Lake* October 1 - Healing Service October 6-8 - Parish Retreat October 15 - Rector Installation Creating Christian Community: Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

This week at Holy Family



HOLY FAMILY WELCOMES FATHER MARK WINWARD SUNDAY, AUGUST 3: We are delighted to announce that our new Rector, The Rev. Mark S. Winward, will begin his ministry with us on August 1. Please join us for his first Sunday services on **August 3** at 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM. Holy Family will be hosting a continental breakfast after the 8:00 am service and a Barbeque catered by Biguns after the 10:30 service to welcome Father Mark, wife KC, and sons Christian and Matthew. This is a special moment in the life of our

parish, and we invite all members and friends of Holy Family to attend as we begin this new chapter together. Please plan to be at one, or both, of the receptions to meet Father Mark and his family. **Read press release here.**

2nd ANNUAL EFM REUNION LUNCH: If you are a past, current, new, or future participant in EfM, please join us for lunch in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, July 26 at 11:30 am**. Even if you are only curious about EfM, we welcome you to be with us! This is a bring-your-own lunch event. Iced tea and dessert will be provided. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeannine Krenson at 706-299-7949 or jeanninekrenson@gmail.com, or Byron Tindall at 803-793-4198 or **bctindall@hotmail.com**. We look forward to seeing you then!

ADULT EDUCATION SURVEY: Thanks to everyone who completed the Adult Education Survey last Sunday. If you took it home to complete, please return the completed survey on **Sunday**, **July 27**. You may leave the completed survey in the small meeting room next to the nursery. Questions? Contact Kathleen Allen-Leonard.

SERVICE FOR BOB LEWIS: Longtime member, Robert "Bob" Preston Lewis, Sr., died on July 8, 2025. A service for Bob will be held **Wednesday**, **July 30 at 11:00 am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, 576 Roscoe Road, Newnan, Georgia 30263. The service will be followed by lunch at the church. A *Celebration of Life* will also be held that day from 2:00-4:00 pm at Line Creek Brewery, 18 Savannah Street, Newnan, GA. **Click here for Bob's obituary**. **EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT** is working closely with partners to support people affected by the Texas flooding. The **Flood Response Fund** is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. Please contribute to help support those affected by the Texas Hill Country Flooding. You can make a gift at **Flood Response Fund** or visit **episcopalrelief.org** to donate and get more information. If you would like to contribute by check, please write *Kerrville Texas Relief* in the memo line and make the check out to Episcopal Relief and Development, mailing it to:

Episcopal Relief and Development PO Box 5121 Boone, IA 50950-0121

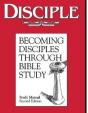
This cause is especially close to my heart, as I rode along the Guadalupe River during my Southwest U.S. bicycle tour this past fall. The scenic, meandering river was the first real river I'd seen since California—a sight for sore eyes. I passed small resorts and summer camps, including Camp Mystic, and thought how magical it must be for children to experience that. I stayed just a few miles away.

It's heartbreaking to imagine the tragedy that has now touched those families whose children's summers were cut short in such an unimaginable way. Please keep the grieving families, survivors, and all disaster response personnel in your prayers. Godspeed, Mark



SHOWER CARES: Thanks to all who contributed to our inaugural "Shower CARES" drive. Sue Parnell reports that our partners at CARES were thrilled when she and Ed delivered the first load of donations. Beginning in August and continuing monthly, we will again "Shower CARES" on the **fourth Sunday of the month**. Watch the Touchstone for reminders.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: On **Sunday, August 3**, the 9:15 Adult Education class begins a study of Marcus Borg's book, *Convictions – How I Learned What Matters Most.* Borg identifies eleven convictions that form the essence of Christianity. The book is available on Amazon in multiple formats. We will look at the preface and chapters 1-3 during the first session. Questions? Contact Kathleen Allen-Leonard.



WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY? Starting this Sunday, July 27, there will be a table in the Parish Hall with study materials, FAQ's, and sign-up information. Tammy Kirk will also be there to answer any questions after Adult Ed and the 10:30 service.

- Space is limited max group size is 15
- Days and times for the weekly meetings will be determined by the group.
- Workbook is \$45
- Last day to sign up August 10
- Begins with an Orientation meeting the week of August 18.

If you are unable to view the table, but are interested in knowing more or signing up, please contact Tammy Kirk at **tfkirk1227@gmail.com**.

HOLY FAMILY MEMBER APPOINTED TO DIOCESAN LEADERSHIP: We are pleased to share that Jim Braley has been appointed by the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta to serve a three-year term on the Assessment Appeals Board. This important board considers appeals from congregations regarding their annual diocesan assessments. In addition, Jim was recently appointed to the Diocesan Finance Committee, where he will help steward financial oversight and planning at the diocesan level. Jim's dedication of time, expertise, and faithful service is a gift not only to Holy Family, but now to the wider Diocese as well. Congratulations, Jim, and thank you for your continued leadership and ministry!



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Purpose and Formation - The Digital Ministry Team is an integral part of the parish Worship Ministry. Its central purpose is to live-stream weekly worship services, as well as special events such as concerts and Evensong. The Broadcast Team was formed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic shutdown. In the earliest days, broadcasts were simple, featuring only the rector, who was recorded outdoors using a tripod and iPad.

Progress and Development - Following these initial steps, the parish hired a professional production company to handle live-streaming of services. At the same time, a committee was created to select a contractor responsible for installing new broadcast equipment and providing training in live production for church volunteers. Jacques LeBlanc and Terry Nicholson took on the task of building the parish's broadcast booth.

Team Structure and Operations - Currently, the team is made up of fourteen volunteers. Of these, five serve as producers who collectively manage the team by consensus. For each service or event, a team is assembled consisting of a producer, a camera operator, and a sound operator. The team is responsible for all aspects of in-person audio and live-stream production for weekly worship. Our guiding principle is to capture the essence of Holy Family's services, ensuring that everyone can enjoy them—no matter where they are located.

Join Us! We provide training, flexible scheduling, and a fun Christmas Party. Reach out to Stacy Strongman, *Team Chair* at anytime.

ADULT EDUCATION: Our study of women in the Old Testament concludes on **July 27**. Our study utilizes the Yale Bible Study course, *Women in the Bible*. The Yale Bible Study is available online at **yalebiblestudy.org** at no charge. This week we will study the Women of Valor. Please join us at 9:15 in the Parish Hall. Questions? Please contact Kathleen Allen-Leonard.

WOMEN'S STUDIES: Our study of Julian of Norwich, 14th century Christian mystic, continues **Mondays at 7:00 pm** on Zoom. Facilitated by Susan Smith-Stefaniuk, the study utilizes Julian of Norwich: Selections from *Revelations of Divine Love* annotated by Mary C. Earle. All women of the parish are welcome. Questions? Contact Elaine DeNiro **edeniro@bellsouth.net**.

TAI CHI CLASS: Saturdays at 11:00 am at the Conference Center with Tai Chi instructor, Jeff Cook. All levels are welcome to join!

YOGA CLASSES AT THE CONFERENCE CENTER:

Tuesdays at 10:00 am - July 29, August 12, 19 (Becky) & 26, September 9 & 23 Tuesdays at 11:15 am

UPDATE ON YOGA: The last day Monica will teach the 10:00 am Hatha yoga at Holy Family will be July 29. Dennis and Becky will offer yoga in her place through September, as scheduled above. Please note that Dennis will continue to teach Gentle Yoga at 11:15 am on Tuesdays.

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Service Leaflet

Prayers of the People

Unrestricted Giving Through June 2025

Anticipated Contributions for June \$42,625 Actual Contributions for June \$41,407

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date (June) \$255,750 Actual Contributions Year-to-Date (June) \$263,846



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JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAYS 8:00 am - Quiet Service with Communion, Rite I 9:15 am - Christian Education in the Parish Hall 10:30 am - Service with Music and Communion, Rite 2 *Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.*

Mondays7:00 pm - Women's Christian Education on ZoomWednesdays8:30 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook1st Wednesday Each Month12:00 pm - Healing Service with eucharist followed by lunch

The Rev. Dr. Bill Harkins, Interim Priest in Charge

The Rev. Dr. Ted Hackett, *Priest Associate* • The Rev. Byron Tindall, *Priest Associate* John King Carter, *Organist/Choirmaster* • Jacques LeBlanc, *Sexton* Jim Braley, *Head 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

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Click here for Vestry Meeting Minutes or contact the church office.

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