# Touchstone

# **AUGUST 15, 2025**



Saturday, August 16 11:00 Tai Chi - CC

Sunday, August 17 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 5:00 Adult Christian Education - Zoom

Monday, August 18 7:00 pm Women's Christian Ed - Zoom

Tuesday, August 19 10:00 Parish Life - PH 10:00 Yoga - CC 11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC 12:00 CARES - PH Nursery

Wednesday, August 20 8:00 CARES Board - PH 8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook 9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's / Zoom 12:00 Midweek Service with Eucharist 2:00 Communications Team - Zoom 5:30 Wonderful Wednesday -The Preserve at Sharp Mountain

Thursday, August 21 1:00 Disciple 2 Orientation - PH 3:30 Finance - PH

Friday, August 22 9:00 Gilmer Gang

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**August 25 - Prayer Shawls August 25** - CARES Reception August 26 - Outreach August 26 - Vestry

August 28-31 - Jeep Fest Jasper **August 31 - Shower CARES** 

September 1 - Labor Day - Office Closed

**Creating Christian Community:** Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

# This week at Holy Family

**WEDNESDAYS AT HOLY FAMILY:** Please join us weekly at noon for our Wednesday Eucharist Service. The first Wednesday of each month will continue to be a healing service followed by lunch.

**OFFICE PHONES:** The phones in the office are now set up with an "auto attendant". When the "auto attendant" answers and begins to speak, you simply press the number of the option you want:

- 1 for the front office / Parish Administrator 2 for Father Mark Winward
- 3 for service times and directions

**TOILETRIES NEEDED FOR PRISON:** Our prison ministry and the women we serve at Lee Arrendale State Prison need your help! The Chaplain's office furnishes toiletries to all the women entering the prison each week (about 45 weekly) and to those indigent women who do not have the funds to purchase toiletries at the "store". The state only supplies a small tube of tooth paste, 1 small bar of soap, and 1 inexpensive toothbrush to incoming inmates and then nothing after that. We are low on tooth paste and shampoo. We have created a gift list on Amazon so that items will be shipped directly to the Chaplain at the prison. You can find the Prison 2025 list by searching lists on Amazon under Terry Franzen. You can also access the list by clicking this link.

HELP NEEDED FOR PICKENS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD: The newest Habitat house is coming along. During August, the construction manager has scheduled work days for Wednesdays and Saturdays starting at 8:30 am. He plans to complete the siding and hopefully start on the drywall. Please contact Ray Champitto, construction manager, at rchamp13@bellsouth.net to volunteer your time. No expertise or experience is required! Your generous heart and willingness to give a few hours of your time are all the requirements needed. Ray needs to know in advance to plan lunches for the crew and to notify you if the build is cancelled due to bad weather. Thanks for helping this new Habitat family have a wonderful home! -Terry Franzen

**SERVE PICKENS:** Join us for this year's edition of Serve Pickens, our one day of service to Pickens County non-profits on **Saturday, October 18**. Holy Family founded this event 4 years ago and it gets better every year. We have something for everyone: helping with a Habitat build, gardening with Keep Pickens Beautiful, writing letters to the men and women who serve in our armed forces, and many others! To learn more and volunteer for Serve Pickens, go to www.servepickens.com.



## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### **WOMEN'S STUDIES**

Holy Family offered its first Women's Studies class in 2024 fulfilling the desire to connect with our female spiritual ancestors while having fellowship with women in our own faith community. Through discussion, participants learn and grow, both spiritually and socially. Learning about the courage and spirituality of women in history, participants are awed by their ways of viewing God's world and humanity's place in it. As participants learn from them, they discuss application of

their ideas into current life while imagining their own contributions to Christian legacy. Discussing these vital topics brings the group closer together, creating safe space to speak honestly and ask for support when needed. Women's Studies meets on Monday nights at 7 PM on Zoom. Thanks to Susan Smith-Stefaniuk, Vicky Harkins, Elaine DeNiro and all who participate in making this group possible.

#### **LIBRARY**

Did you know that Holy Family has a library? And a librarian? The library is in the Parish Hall near the door to the Gallery. It contains a diverse collection of books on a variety of spiritual and religious topics. Not only does our church librarian, Elaine DeNiro, carefully maintain the collection, she also ensures that we have specially curated groups of books that support our Advent and Lenten studies, enhance our Adult Education Studies, and facilitate our summer reading. The Adult Education Ministry team encourages everyone to utilize the library. Many thanks to Elaine DeNiro for her hard work in making this possible.

#### **Click for July Vestry Minutes**

**ADULT EDUCATION:** Please join us on **Sunday**, **August 17** as the 9:15 am Adult Education class continues its 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 chapters 5 and 6 during this session. Questions? Contact Kathleen Allen-Leonard.

Adult Education offers a "repeat" of the 9:15 am Borg class on Zoom for those who cannot attend the Sunday morning class. We gather at 5:00 pm on Zoom. Interested in joining? Email Kathleen Allen-Leonard at **kathleenallenleonard@gmail.com** so that we may add you to the invitation list. On the 17th we will look at chapters 3 and 4.

**WOMEN'S STUDIES:** Our study of Julian of Norwich, 14th century Christian mystic, resumes on Monday, **August 18** 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. It concludes on Monday, August 25. **The Women's Studies group will not meet on Labor Day. Our new study begins on September 8.** 

Beginning September 8 we will study John Philip Newell's book, *The Rebirthing of God: Christianity's Struggle for New Beginning*. Newell is the former warden of Iona Abbey and is the Companion Theologian at the American Spirituality Center of Casa del Sol. In the book, Newell explores eight major features of a new birthing of Christianity including "coming back into relationship with the Earth as sacred", "reconnecting with compassion as the ground of true relationship", "rediscovering spiritual practice as the basis for transformation" and "following love as the seed-force of new birth in our lives and world". The book is available on Amazon in multiple formats. All women of the parish are welcome. Questions? Contact Elaine DeNiro. "Elaine Deniro" edeniro@bellsouth.net

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

**HATHA YOGA:** Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the Conference Center with instructors Becky Hollaway and Dennis Kast.

**GENTLE YOGA: Tuesdays at 11:15 am** at the Conference Center with instructor Dennis Kast.

#### 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.

**Mondays** 7:00 pm - Women's Christian Education on Zoom

Wednesdays 8:30 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Each Month 12:00 pm - Healing Service with eucharist followed by lunch

The Rev. Mark S. Winward, Rector
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

**Your Vestry** 

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