Touchstone

NOVEMBER 21, 2025



Saturday, November 22 10:00 Welcome Hands Quilters - PP 11:00 Tai Chi - CC

Sunday, November 23 8:00 Eucharist Rite 1 NO Adult Christian Education 9:15 Forum with Canon Alicia 10:30 Eucharist Rite 2 Coffee Hour: Coffee and simple refreshments after each service. 12:30 Choir Practice

Monday, November 24 1:30 EfM - PH 7:00 NO WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ED

Tuesday, November 25 10:00 NO YOGA TODAY 12:00 CARES - PH Nursery 3:00 Hospitality Decorating - PH

Wednesday, November 26 8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook 9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's / Zoom 10:00 Pastoral Care - PH 12:00 Service with Eucharist

Thursday, November 27 Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Friday, November 28 Office Closed

Saturday, November 29 Flower Guild Decorating

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Nov. 30 Advent I Nov. 30 Shower CARES Dec. 7 Very Merry Advent Party Dec. 14 Lessons & Carols No Prayer Shawl Meeting in Nov./Dec. Creating Christian Community: Serving and Engaging People in Vibrant Ministries

This week at Holy Family

ADVENT ADULT EDUCATION SERIES



Throughout Advent, beginning at **9:15** am on the First Sunday of Advent, **November 30**, Father Mark returns to lead an Adult Education series, "Advent Reflections." Requiring no prior reading, the series invites participants into four weeks of deep reflection on the advent (or arrival) of God in Jesus of Nazareth, as well as on his promised return. More than a countdown to Christmas, we will see how Advent embraces the way of Jesus and encourages hopeful waiting, courageous peacemaking, resilient joy, and self-giving love in our still-suffering world.

"SHOWER" CARES: While you're in the cabinets and pantries preparing for guests and Thanksgiving, grab an extra item or few to drop in the "Shower" CARES bin in the Parish Hall on **Sunday**, **November 30**. Much needed household necessities that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits will be collected the last Sunday of each month and delivered to CARES and this year more than ever many in our community are in great need! Questions? Contact Sue Parnell or Leamarie True. *Needed: pet food, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, feminine hygiene items, diapers, toiletries and other hygiene items and cosmetics*. Non-perishable food items can always be dropped in the CARES bins outside the office.

HEALING SERVICE



The next healing service is **Wednesday**, **December 3**, **at 12:00 noon**. If you have a need for spiritual, physical, or emotional healing, or if having a bit of extra time to get ready to come to church would be helpful, this service would be wonderful for you. The healing service begins at noon and is followed by lunch in the Parish Hall. Anyone can attend. If you need a ride or any assistance while you're at church, please let Katharine Armentrout know.

Awwal Very Merry Advert Party

When: Sunday, December 7, following the 10:30 Service

Where: Holy Family Parish Hall

What to bring: Your favorite sweet or savory appetizer or finger sandwiches

Sign-up in the Parish Hall or contact Melinda Edwards or Martha Power with questions



CHURCH CHICKS: We'll be taking a 'road trip' up to Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris for the final luncheon of the year on **Thursday**, **December 11**. This is a delightful resort, with a huge fireplace and two-story Christmas tree, as well as antique toys underneath. You can even have your picture taken with Santa!

Beautiful Christmas trees line the hall as well. The lower level has an electric train set and a gift shop where you can begin your Christmas shopping. The luncheon will be a holiday buffet, which includes ham, turkey, dressing, green beans, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and several different pies. A perfect place to wind up our luncheons for the year! We will meet at 9:15 in the church parking lot and carpool from there. Our reservations are for 11:30 and we anticipate a 1 ½ hour drive. Please let me know if you plan to carpool or if you will meet us there. Individual charges will be given to each person, payable by credit card or cash. Make your reservation by emailing jrgiglia@etcmail.com or calling 770-778-6163. Mark your calendar and invite a friend. All our welcome! -June Giglia



TOYS FOR TOTS: There will be a new toy collection box in the Parish Hall beginning this Sunday, November 23 and remaining there through Sunday, December 14. Another box will be available at the Parish Office. Please help the children of Pickens County have a merry Christmas this year by bringing a new, unwrapped toy for the collection box during this season of giving. Many are hurting financially this year and this is one way to help. All toys will be delivered to children in need in Pickens County. Thank you. - Outreach Ministry of Holy Family and Toys for Tots, Pickens County



JASPER POINT HEALTHCARE CHRISTMAS PARTY

A friendly reminder about the Christmas Party Wednesday, December 10, 3 - 4 pm. (2:30 for set up). Volunteers from Holy Family Outreach and our Church Choir, will provide treats, gift bags and caroling for the 60 residents. We have just a few items left on the gift list (click this link). If you'd like to help, contact Belinda Humphrey. If you want to join us for the party, please notify Leamarie. We are happy for any and all support!



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS: The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family presents their 21st annual Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 pm. The service is based on the one sung every year at King's College, Cambridge, England for over a hundred years. Guest artists from around Atlanta will join the Holy Family choir in presenting carols from all over the world, alternating with scripture readings prophesying the coming of the Christ Child. All are cordially invited to make this holiday event part of their seasonal celebrations.



CHRISTMAS GREENERY & FLOWERS

Our very talented Flower Guild will soon be busy at work decorating the church with greenery and flowers for the Christmas season. We welcome your flower fund offerings that are in memory of, or thanksgiving for, those people or events in your lives for which you are particularly grateful. Please print names neatly on a Christmas flower form and write *Christmas Flowers* in the memo line of your check to ensure it is applied to the correct fund. **Submit forms no later than Monday, December 15** for names to be included in the Christmas Eve service leaflet. *Names submitted after this deadline may not appear in the service leaflet, so be sure to submit yours on time!* Contact the office if we can help with any questions.

SUGGESTED ADVENT READING

Visit the library at Holy Family and check out the selection of Advent books.

Light of the World by Amy Jill Levine Preparing for Christmas by Richard Rohr

The First Christmas by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan

Wonders of Wonders: Christmas with Dietrich Bonhoeffer

 $\label{lem:angle} \textit{A Treasury of African American Christmas Stories} \ \text{compiled and edited by Betty Collier-Thomas}$

Celebrating Abundance: Devotions for Advent by Walter Brueggemann

Advent and Christmas, Wisdom from Henri Nouwen

Advent and Christmas with Thomas Merton

Names for the Messiah: An Advent Study by Walter Brueggemann

Three Wise Women by Dandi Mackall

An Advent Book of Days - Meeting the Characters of Christmas by Gregory Cameron One Great Love: An Advent and Christmas Treasury of Readings, Poems, and Prayers

Advent & Christmas

December 7th A Very Merry Advent Party

December 14th at 4:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols

December 24th at 4:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Festival Services with Music

December 25th at 9:00 a.m. Quiet Communion

January 6th, at 6:00 Burning of the Greens and Chili Supper

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION: Our study of Amy-Jill Levine's *Short Stories by Jesus – The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* concludes on **Sun., Nov. 23 at 9:15 am**. We will look at Chapter 3. We hope you can join us. Questions? Please contact **Kathleen Allen-Leonard**.

WOMEN'S STUDIES: *Will not meet on Mon., Nov. 17 or 24.* On Mon., Dec. 1 at 7:00 pm on Zoom the group begins its Advent study. The group will read Liz Curtis Higgs' book, *The Women of God.* Join us as we explore the stories of Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna, three women wo are faithful to God's call in their lives. All women of the parish are welcome. Questions? Contact Elaine DeNiro. edeniro@bellsouth.net

TAI CHI: Saturdays at 11:00 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Jeff Cook

HATHA YOGA: Tuesdays at 10:00 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Becky Hollaway

GENTLE YOGA: Tuesdays at 11:15 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Dennis Kast

No yoga Tuesday, November 25.

For more information, please contact Becky at rlhollaw@mac.com or Dennis at denniskast@aol.com

Service Leaflet 10:30 am

Prayers of the People

Unrestricted Giving Through October 2025

Anticipated Contributions for October \$42,625 Actual Contributions for October \$34,332

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date (October) \$426,250 Actual Contributions Year-to-Date (October) \$423,895



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JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAYS 8:00 am - Quiet Service with Eucharist, Rite I

9:15 am - Christian Education in the Parish Hall

10:30 am - Service with Music and Eucharist, Rite 2

Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.

WEDNESDAYS 8:30 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook

noon - Service with Eucharist

(On the 1st Wednesday of each month: Healing Service 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

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