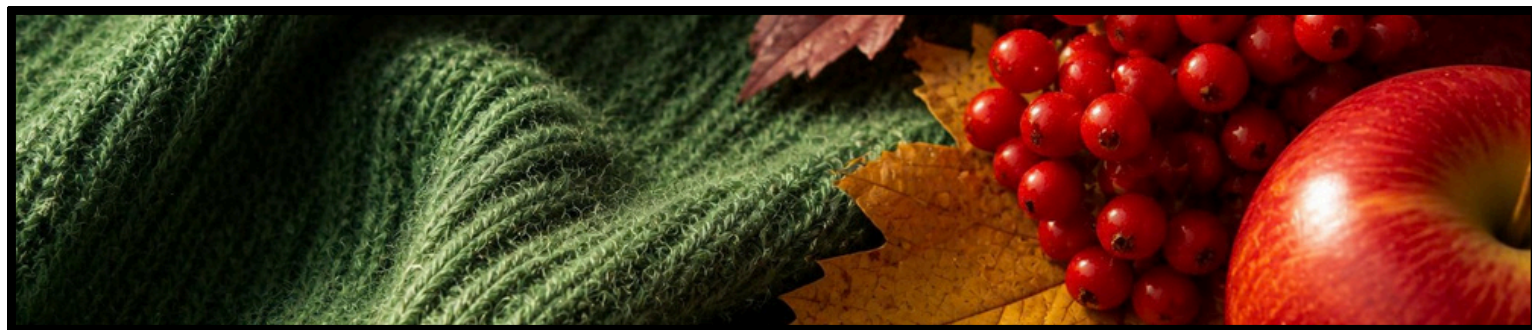




OCT. 10 - 11 & 17-18 APPLE FESTIVAL IN ELLIJAY

Saturday, October 10

11:00 Tai Chi - CC
12:00 HF Bent Tree - Tavern **Date Change**
4:30 Folk Mass

Sunday, October 11

8:00 Eucharist Rite I
9:15 Adult Christian Education - PH
10:30 Eucharist Rite II
Coffee Hour: Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.
12:15 Choir Practice

Monday, October 12

1:30 EfM - CC
7:30 pm Women's Studies - Zoom

Tuesday, October 13

9:00 Gilmer Gang
10:00 Yoga - CC
11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook
9:00 Men's Breakfast - Deb's/Zoom
10:00 DOK - CC
12:00 Healing Service
2:30 Worship Team - CC

Thursday, October 15

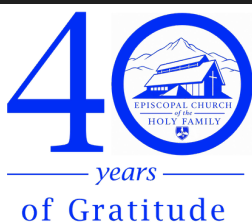
10:00 Hatha Yoga - CC
11:15 Chair Yoga - CC
1:30 Disciple - CC
2:00 Communications - Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Oct. 19 PEO
Oct. 19 NAMI
Oct. 24 - Serve Pickens
Oct. 12-30 Fr. Mark Bicycle Tour
Oct. 21 Finance
Oct. 21 Wonderful Wednesday - Tate Mtn
Oct. 23 Gilmer Gang
Oct. 27 Vestry

This week at Holy Family

**Sat. & Sun., Oct. 10-11 and 17-18
is the Apple Festival in Ellijay.
Plan for heavier traffic in town!**



Stewardship is about more than just the church needing money; it's about God's desire for us to experience the joy and gratitude of giving, as well as acknowledging God's provision and blessings. Since this year marks Holy Family's 40th anniversary, our theme is **"40 Years of Gratitude."**

This fall, we begin our annual stewardship campaign, "40 Years of Gratitude," through which we will make our financial commitments for 2027. In the weeks ahead, we will share stories about what our gifts make possible and reflect on generosity as a spiritual practice. Stewardship is not only about funding the church's work; it is one of the ways we respond to God's grace with gratitude, trust, and joy. Prior to pledging you should pray for discernment. You may think about how your prayer life has impacted your call to pledge and serve the church.

"Committing to make a financial gift to a church is a pledge agreement. Pledging is a response to God's call and abundance in our own lives, and it is a statement of thanksgiving. By planning and committing to a pledge, you cultivate intentionality in your faith and allow God to shape your heart through generosity. Yet, it should not be seen as a burden or something legally binding. You are discerning what God is calling you to pledge, but sometimes our circumstances change, for better or worse. Thus, when it's time to actually give, we may give less or even more. There should be no shame or glory in either."



You can return your pledge card by dropping it in the plate at services, dropping it by the office, mailing it in, or completing an on-line pledge form on our website HolyFamily.org. You can scan the QR code on the left with your phone or electronic device to take you directly to our online pledge form.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus"





ATTENTION!! DATE CHANGE FOR HOLY FAMILY BENT TREE: Holy Family Bent Tree is a group of Bent Tree residents who attend or have visited Holy Family and who get together monthly over lunch at *The Tavern* at Bent Tree to get to know each other better. Join us for the fun **Saturday, October 10 at noon** at The Tavern. Please RSVP with Terry Franzen, but if you forget, come anyway!

OUTREACH - HAITIAN HOPE: St. Francis Episcopal Church, Macon, founded Haitian Hope in 2004 out of a study of Matthew 25 in an Adult Sunday School Class. Holy Family has been involved as a partner since almost the beginning. Haitian Hope supports the Episcopal schools in Trouin, Haiti. Holy Family's annual support helps pay for uniforms, school supplies, and the principal's salary. Haitian Hope is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit with 100% of donations going directly to the work in Trouin. An anonymous and generous donor has offered to match any money that is given from August 1 through September 30. For more information, please visit their website at www.haitian-hope.org

FOLLOW FR. MARK'S BICYCLE JOURNEY: After retiring from the Navy Chaplain Corps with 38 years of service, Father Mark set out to close that chapter of his life and discern what God might be calling him to next. In October 2024, he embarked on a solo, unsupported, coast-to-coast bicycle journey from San Diego, California, to St. Augustine, Florida.

Father Mark paused his journey in Fredericksburg, Texas, to spend Thanksgiving with his family in Roswell. It was during that break that he first visited Holy Family. Although he intended to resume the trip early in the new year, life took an unexpected turn with job interviews, his call to Holy Family, and health challenges.

On **October 13**, Father Mark will return to Fredericksburg and resume his journey—this time with the support of his wife, KC. He hopes to reach New Orleans, or as close as possible, over the course of two weeks. Next October, he plans to complete the final leg of his coast-to-coast journey, riding from New Orleans to St. Augustine. You can follow Father Mark's daily journal on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/fathermark).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT EDUCATION - SUNDAYS AT 9:15 AM - *Evangelical Is Not Enough* SERIES: In *Evangelical Is Not Enough*, Thomas Howard, a student of C.S. Lewis, affectionally affirms his roots in the evangelical faith while exploring the richness of liturgical worship, sacramental life, the Church calendar, tradition, and the Eucharist. Howard invites readers to consider how this broader Christianity engages both heart and mind, spirit and body, through the worship and practices of the historic Church.

Whether you have an evangelical background, are new to liturgical worship, or simply want to deepen your understanding of our Angloan tradition, join us for a thoughtful, respectful discussion of a modern spiritual classic that continues to challenge and inspire Christians across traditions.

WOMEN'S STUDIES - MONDAYS AT 7:30 PM ON ZOOM: Current Study: The book *The Desert Mothers: Spiritual Women of the Wilderness* by Mary C. Earle, available on Amazon. At the dawn of Christianity, holy women went into the wilderness of the desert of Northern Egypt to give themselves totally to lives of prayer. Explore the unique spirituality of Desert Mothers and learn ways to apply their wisdom today. Mary Earle has taken nine concise sayings from Desert Mothers and explores them in original ways. Contact Elaine DeNiro at edeniro@bellsouth.net.

SATURDAYS: Tai Chi at **11:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Jeff Cook

TUESDAYS: Hatha Yoga at **10:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Becky Hollaway

Gentle Yoga at 11:15 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Dennis Kast

THURSDAYS: Hatha Yoga at **10:00 am** at the Conference Center with Instructor Cathy Harmon

Chair Yoga at 11:15 am at the Conference Center with Instructor Cathy Harmon

Service Leaflet
10:30 am

Unrestricted Giving Through August 2026

Anticipated Contributions for August \$48,000

Actual Contributions for August \$50,664

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date (August) \$384,000

Actual Contributions Year-to-Date (August) \$397,205

All loose plate offerings on the last Sunday of the month go to the Rectors Discretionary Fund.

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JOIN US - ALL ARE WELCOME

SATURDAYS 4:30 pm - Folk Mass, Rite II

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 II
Coffee and simple refreshments after each service.

WEDNESDAYS 8:30 am - Morning Prayer on Facebook
noon - Healing Service with Communion, Rite II
(1st Wednesday of month the service is followed by lunch)

The Rev. Mark S. Winward, *Rector*

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.