Touchstone

NOVEMBER 13, 2026



Saturday, November 14
10:00 Welcome Hands Quilters - PP
11:00 Tai Chi - CC
4:30 Folk Mass

Sunday, November 15
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, November 16
1:30 EfM - PH
7:30 pm Women's Studies - Zoom
6:00 NAMI CC

Tuesday, November 17
10:00 Yoga - CC
11:15 Gentle Yoga - CC
7:00 Episcopal 101

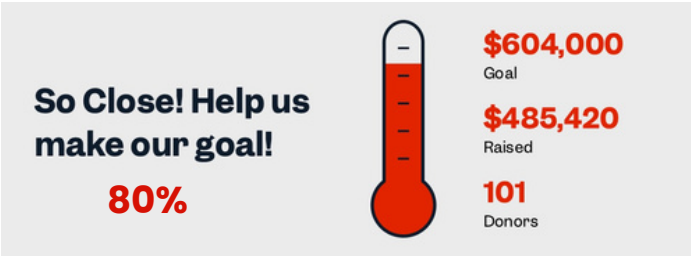
Wednesday, November 18
8:30 Morning Prayer - Facebook
10:00 DOK - CC
12:00 Healing Service followed by lunch
3:00 Finance - PH & Zoom
4:00 Sacred Ground - CC

Thursday, November 19
10:00 Hatha Yoga - CC
11:15 Chair Yoga - CC
1:30 Disciple - CC
2:00 Communications - Zoom

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Nov. 25-26 Thanksgiving - Office Closed
No Touchstone This Week
Dec. 2 Jasper Point Christmas Party
Dec. 9 Bishop Visit and New Office Ded.
Dec. 10 Church Chicks - Brasstown
Dec. 20 Lessons & Carols @ 4:00 followed by the Very Merry Advent Party
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services 4:00 & 6:00
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Service 9:00
No meeting in December for Prayer Shawls or Outreach!

This week at Holy Family

40 Years of Gratitude



THANK YOU! Thank you, everyone, for your generosity and for helping support the ministries, programs, and mission of our church. *Giving Sunday* was November 8 and brought our pledge total to **101 pledges totaling $485,420**.

This is short of our goal, but **if you have not yet pledged, you can still do so!** To make a pledge, return your pledge card, complete an on-line pledge form when visiting our website **HolyFamilyJasper.org**, or scan the QR code above. We need your support to reach our goal!

AN EPISCOPAL CALL TO SERVE AFTER HISTORIC FLOODING

The communities of Copperhill, TN and McCaysville, GA are facing an overwhelming recovery following the worst flooding in recorded history. On Nov. 5, 2026, eighteen feet of flood waters inundated homes, businesses, and downtown areas, leaving families facing significant loss. Our brothers and sisters at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Copperhill are among the community affected. **In his address regarding the flooding in Copperhill and MacCaysville**, The Rt. Rev. Brian Cole, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee, is asking neighboring congregations to respond through prayer, financial donations, and volunteers. As a neighboring Episcopal community, let us hold these towns in our prayers and remember that even small acts of generosity can make a meaningful difference. To donate to the Copperhill/McCaysville Flood Relief efforts through St. Marks, please **visit this link** and click DONATE, selecting the fund *"Flood Support - 2026"*. To donate to the Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee's flood relief, **click here**.

40 Years of Gratitude Celebration!

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Please join us on **Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00** as we celebrate 40 years of gratitude at Holy Family. Bishop Wright will visit for the Eucharist and the dedication of our new office wing, followed by a Cookbook Pot Luck supper. For the potluck, please bring a dish you submitted to the cookbook, if possible (or any of your favorite recipes). We have much to be grateful for so come and celebrate with your fellow parishioners!



HOLY FAMILY COOKBOOKS ARE HERE! Our church cookbooks have arrived and are now available for purchase! Filled with favorite recipes shared by our church family, they make a wonderful addition to your kitchen or a thoughtful gift for someone special this coming holiday season. Pick up your copy after church in the Parish Hall or contact Melinda Edwards.



Please bring something for "Shower CARES" on **Sunday, November 29** to drop in the Parish Hall bin. Much needed household necessities that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits will be collected the last Sunday of each month and delivered to CARES. Questions? Contact 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 any day of the week or month.



MISSING SOMETHING? We have several coats, umbrellas, and outerwear that have been "hanging around" the church and Parish Hall for quite some time. Please check to see if any of these are yours and take them home. ***Any unclaimed coats, umbrellas, or other items will be donated to the Community Thrift Store after the last Sunday of the month (November 29).***

SAVE THE DATE - CARES THANKSMAS CELEBRATION

WHAT: Thanksmas Celebration & Fundraiser with dinner
Comedian Kenn Kington and silent auction
WHEN: **Tuesday, December 1, 2026, 6:00 pm**
WHERE: Jasper Campus of Chattahoochee Tech in the large conference room
TICKETS: On sale now! $40 for individual, $300 for table of 8 *(Holy Family has four tables purchased already for members or you can purchase your own.)*
www.caresforpickens.com - click *Thanksmas* in top right corner
MORE INFO: Contact Vicky Harkins, Andy Edwards, or Elaine DeNiro

CHRISTMAS AT JASPER POINT (WITH DATE CHANGE!): Holy Family! We have another chance to share some Christmas joy with the residents at Jasper Point Health Care. As in past years, we will gather there on **December 2 at 2:30-3:00**, to share refreshments, have a sing-a-long, thanks to John Carter and our wonderful choir, and give each resident a gift bag full of useful items.

If you would like to share in this joy-spreading occasion with our neighbors, **follow this link**, choose one or more gifts to be sent to the church office, and let me know if you would like to join us that day to sing and pass out gift bags. **Gifts must be received at the church office by November 18** in order for us to pack the bags and have them ready to distribute by Dec. 2.

Additionally, there are 7 indigent residents who really need some new clothes and a few other items. If you would like to help them, email the church office at **Office@HolyFamilyJasper.org** and I will get you their first name and a short list of needed clothing. Thank you so much for your generosity! - *Leamarie True*

THERE WILL BE NO TOUCHSTONE THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING.

SECURITY REMINDER: With the holidays and various church projects and activities approaching, scammers are getting more active too. Please remember, do **NOT** respond to an email request for urgent help even if it appears to be from someone you may know at the church. Do **NOT** buy gift/Amazon cards from an email request even if the person is someone you know to be heading up a special project. Instead, use a phone number you already have for that person to ask them about the email. Do **NOT** click on links from what appear to be service providers/vendors that require you to "login" with your login ID and password. For example, if you get such an email from "ETC" and you do as directed, you could be providing a scammer with your login and password!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS, CHURCH CHICKS! It's that time of year again and the Church Chicks will be holding their final luncheon of the year at at Brasstown Valley Resort in Young Harris on **Thurs., Dec. 10**. More details to come, but be sure to save that date on your calendar for this much-loved get-together!

TOYS FOR TOTS: The Toys-for-Tots collection boxes are out in the church gallery and Parish Hall. Please help the children of Pickens County have a merry Christmas by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to church and dropping it in one of the Toys-for-Tots collection boxes by **Sunday, December 13**. Thank you! - *Outreach Ministry of Holy Family and Toys for Tots, Pickens County*



GIVING YOUR OLD MAGAZINES A SECOND LIFE: Our magazine drive for Jasper Pointe continues! Please donate your gently used magazines to be used by the residents of Jasper Pointe. The labeled plastic bin is located in the parish hall by the coat rack. Questions? Contact Katie Hawkins



MAHJONG GROUP AT HF: Interested in learning or playing Mahjong? We will be starting a beginner class in the conference center **Friday, November 20 at 10:00 am**. Please let Sandy Foose know if you are interested and would like to come. She would like to get a count so she can make sure there are enough tables and games!

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 September 2026

Anticipated Contributions for September $44,667
Actual Contributions for September $50,726

Budgeted Contributions Year-to-Date (September) $402,000
Actual Contributions Year-to-Date (September) $426,689

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

Chair Report on August 2026 Finances

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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.