

Diocesan Report to Council
December 18, 2025

Fall 2025 has found the Grandparenting Ministry of the Diocese of South Carolina busy and active. Our various parishes have continued to take seriously the Biblical vision of grandparents passing faith in Christ to the generations behind us (Psalm 78:5,6). Most grandparents long to be good grandparents. But the Lord's vision is for Grandparents to be intentionally Godly in their relationship with their grown and grand children.

At St. John's Parish, the grandparents have been meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month right after church. Typically, they have 20 – 25 people in attendance. They encourage one another, pray for one another and enjoy fellowship over coffee. This group is enjoying a newly formed G@P group that was launched in August by John and Patti Sosnowski. At their November gathering, they shared ideas for connecting with grandchildren during the Advent season.

At Christ Church Anglican, the grandparents met once a month for a potluck dinner under the leadership of Wanda DeLorge. In September, the group listened to Sherry Schumann speak on "Removing Our Grave Clothes". At the October gathering, the grandparents watched Dr. Rob Rienow's video presentation on "Encouraging Faith in Your Adult Children". This video is based on Rob's book, *Never Too Late*. On December 21st, "The Grands and More" will provide refreshments to the Church following their annual Christmas pageant. At the end of each meeting, the grandparents pray for the 101 grandchildren represented by the group.

At St. Paul's Church, Summerville, the grandparents have been meeting under the newly formed group, the Prime Timers. They celebrated Grandparent's Day with a special Kid's Church program followed by parish wide prayers for the multiple generations. The morning ended with a celebration on The Plaza of cake and punch. The Prime Timers will also enjoy a special Advent Tea on December 11 where Sherry Schumann will share about the mother of Jesus, Mary. Was it an invitation or an interruption when the angel Gabriel told Mary the news of the birth of Jesus? What message is in this teaching for us?

Gary Beson's deanery will encourage their grandparents by giving a special presentation by Sherry Schumann on December 18.

Sherry Schumann is working diligently with Father Fred Onyango to pray, plan and prepare to take a team of grandparents to lead a GrandCamp in Kenya August, 2026.

All priests are encouraged to promote GrandCamp 2026, June 15 -19, at Epworth by the Sea. Registration opened December 1 on the Diocesan website. Scholarships are available for these glorious five days of camp where grandparents build relationships and lifetime memories with the next generations.

This concludes my three years of sitting on the Diocesan Council. It has been a joy to work with each of you. I pray you will become more and more aware of the calling on the seniors of our diocese: to tell the next generations about the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord. In my heart, there is no higher calling for this glorious season of life. If ever I can be of help to you, please do not hesitate to contact me, cathyjacobs4@gmail.com.

For His glory!

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