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The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina Fall 2026

St. Michael's Marks 275th Anniversary



STEVEN HYATT

On October 7, 2026, in celebration of their 275th anniversary, St. Michael's Church held a press conference. The following is an edited version of the speech given by their 21st Rector, the Rev. Al Zadig.

Why is Charleston different from every other city in America? Is it pluff mud, spring jasmine, porches, gardens, basket weavers, narrow alleys, and sidewalks walked by revolutionaries, patriots, presidents, and generations of Charlestonians?

Yes. Charleston is unique. But something rises above them all: we are anchored to a

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Kenya Welcomes GrandCamp

The ADOSC and the Diocese of Maseno South Partner to Ignite a Movement of Biblical Discipleship Across Generations

By Brett Kucera, Prince George Winyah, Georgetown

GrandCamp has been a cherished pillar of ministry within the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina (ADOSC) since 2013, hosting 13 transformative camps over the years. Born out of Cavin Harper's founding vision for Christian grandparenting and championed locally through the dedicated initiative and faith of Cathy Jacobs and Peter Rothermel, this ministry has touched hundreds of families across North America.

In August 2026, GrandCamp took a historic leap across the globe—bringing its intergenerational magic to Sub-Saharan Africa for the very first time.

The vision was first sparked when Sherry Schumann, President of the Christian Grandparenting Network, felt God's call to expand GrandCamp into Kenya. Partnering with ADOSC GrandCamp Director Wanda DeLorge and the Rev. Fred Onyango, Schumann traveled to Kenya to share the concept with lay leaders and clergy in the Anglican Church of Kenya (ACK), Maseno South Diocese. The response was overwhelmingly enthusiastic, and ambitious plans were laid for an August 2026 launch.

Stepping into Leadership & Providential Grace

Then, unexpected life events intervened. A family health crisis prevented Sherry Schumann from making the journey. When Dr. Lee Jones and his wife, also named Lee Jones, shared this development with me, I sensed an immediate call to step into the gap.

I volunteered to lead the teaching curriculum, provided the Joneses and my wife, Sherry, would serve alongside me. Having observed the "Miracle Worker" themed GrandCamp at Epworth By The Sea in Georgia earlier that summer, I saw clearly how the curriculum could be adapted for East Africa. Having traveled to Kenya four times previously, my wife, Sherry, and I possessed the cultural fluency and trusted relationships. In particular, I heavily relied on the Rev. Elisha Nyambori to translate in and out of the tribal Luo language, ensuring the message resonated deeply within the local context. In addition, 12 Kenyan volunteers, both lay and ordained, assisted with the program and were trained as trainers to continue equipping other grandparents and growing the grandparenting ministry in Kenya and beyond.



BRETT KUCERA

For many Kenyan grandparents, the camp offered a profound epiphany. While elders traditionally serve as primary caregivers, many had not envisioned themselves as intentional spiritual mentors.

"Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." — PSALM 71:18

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John Benson Elected to ACNA Executive Committee

John Benson, a member of Prince George Winyah (PGW), Georgetown, was elected to serve for a two-year term on the Executive Committee of ACNA at the Provincial Council held in Tulsa, OK, June 17-19, 2026.

The Executive Committee, composed of six laypersons and six clergy from North America, is a governing body established in the ACNA's Constitution and Canons that derives its authority from the Provincial Council, which is the primary governing body of the Church. It carries on the governing work of the Church between annual meetings of Provincial Council.

The Committee's primary responsibilities are: establishing the Church's program and budget; overseeing the Church's organizational decisions and operations; prompting evangelism and growth of the Church; establishing and overseeing any special committees and task forces needed to support the work of

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Aidan and Hilda's to Launch

Coffee That Makes a Difference



JOY HUNTER

"We want to be a community of neighbors helping neighbors," said Elizabeth, "embodying the teachings of Jesus."

By Joy Hunter, Editor

The Rev. Elizabeth Bumpas, who first envisioned Aidan and Hilda's Mobile Coffee Pub, and her team have a dream—to pour Christ's love out to the community, one cup of coffee at a time. The plan is for 100% of net profits to be used to help those suffering from food and housing insecurity, homelessness, mental illness, and addiction.

The team also envisions its patrons developing into a community of people who will partner together in various service projects. "We want to be a community of neighbors helping neighbors," said Elizabeth, "embodying the teachings of Jesus."

Originally, the team planned to launch a brick and mortar café, but the high cost of renting commercial real estate encouraged them to pivot.

"Purchasing a coffee truck was much less expensive and the business overhead is much lower, which will allow us to give more of our net profits back to the community," said Elizabeth. The 14 ft. trailer and all of the necessary equipment are now paid for. That said, funding partners are still needed – as are patrons and those ready to join in the venture.

Finding a Location

Current escalating fuel prices have the team looking for a permanent location so they don't have to move the trailer often and customers will know where to find them.

"We have passed all of our inspections and obtained all of the required business licenses. We have our own liability insurance. Everything is ready to go," said Elizabeth. The last piece of the puzzle, prior to opening completely, is location. "We just need to find the right spot.

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Participation in Chapel Dedication Results in Censure



PATRICK HESSION

The new St. Timothy's Chapel at Porter-Gaud was dedicated on August 18, 2026. Bishop Edgar participated, as did the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina.

On September 24, 2026, Bishop Edgar was censured (which is the least of the disciplinary options) by the ACNA College of Bishops for his participation in the dedication of the new St. Timothy's Chapel at the Porter-Gaud School and the scandal that resulted. "I am deeply grateful that so many bishops expressed frustration that it had come to a presentment and that so many encouraged me in the Gospel ends I was trying to pursue," said Bishop Edgar.

Our Diocesan Vision: *Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age*

Best Foot Forward: Church of Holy Spirit Holds Annual Shoe Drive for Seven Farms Students

By Amanda Jenkins, Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island

It's the first day of school. You walk in wearing a brand new pair of shoes, the untried soles squeaking along the polished linoleum. You stand a little taller. Smile a little bigger. Another student compliments your new kicks in passing, and you offer a casual, "Thanks, they're new." As if you hadn't been hoping someone would notice. The bell rings and you slide into your seat in homeroom just in time. On the desk before you sits a textbook–the one for the subject you've been dreading. Only now, as you flip through the glossy pages, it doesn't seem so intimidating. You're ready for the challenge. You've got this.



CARL WIST

Parishioners share a meal with neighbors before blessing them with new shoes.

Let the school year begin.

It's this kind of experience Church of the Holy Spirit hopes to give their neighbors at Seven Farms Apartments through the annual Back-to-School Shoe Drive. Beginning in the summer, the church raises funds to purchase a new pair of shoes for every student living in the affordable housing development. Each donation is a stride toward ensuring every member of the community walks in the confidence and comfort of adequate footwear. More than just a practical gift of warmth and protection, Holy Spirit recognizes the dignity that comes with having a new pair of shoes.

Through the generosity of its parishioners, Holy Spirit raised over $5,000 for the outreach team to purchase shoes in the correct sizes for each student. The Shoe Drive culminated on August 9 with a cookout at Seven Farms Apartments. Church member Russ Odenbeck worked as grillmaster while a team of volunteers served and shared the meal with residents, spending the afternoon building connections over food. Students and their families then received their new shoes for the upcoming school year.

Reflecting on the day, rector Jonathan Bennett noted "It was particularly good to see the faces of the students who received new shoes for school."

For the volunteers, the day offered an opportunity to see firsthand the impact of the congregation's generosity.

"Our congregation blessed 40 children with new shoes in our ninth annual Back-to-School Shoe Drive and Cookout," said event organizer Carl Wist. "It warms my heart to see the smiles and share the love of Jesus in this ministry with our neighbors."

The annual Shoe Drive is part of Church of the Holy Spirit's ongoing commitment to seeing the community transformed and living abundantly. By addressing a practical, back-to-school need while sharing a meal and spending time together, the ministry seeks to make the love of Jesus known to local families by showing they are valued and supported by their neighbors.

As these students walk through their school doors, Church of the Holy Spirit is grateful to the members and supporters whose generosity made this year's Shoe Drive possible. What began with donations from the congregation ultimately became a community coming together to lift up its students, equipping them to take on the school year with confidence.

To learn more about Church of the Holy Spirit's outreach ministries or upcoming opportunities to serve the local community, visit holyspiritdi.org or contact Carl Wist at junior.warden@holyspiritdi.org.

Nominations Sought
Are You Called to Serve?

By The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, ADOSC

Each year at Diocesan Convention, our Diocese elects members of our parishes (clergy and laity) to fill various leadership positions. These include those serving on the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council, our Ecclesiastical Court and (as in this year) representatives to the Provincial Council of the ACNA. All are important. And all reflect the nature of the Body of Christ. To function faithfully and effectively, the church depends upon all its members, exercising all their gifts together.

In November, the nominations process for the next elections (at Convention, March 13, 2027) will formally be opened and there will be a general invitation to all in the Diocese to participate in that process. In preparation for that work, you're encouraged to begin considering now, how you or others might most effectively serve the Diocese in one of the roles described in more detail below. Please give these opportunities your prayerful consideration, and then be prepared to respond when the nominations are opened next month.

Diocesan Council

Responsible for administering the ministry of the Diocese and to receive and administer all funds raised. In addition to officers, department representatives and ministry leaders, the Council has six clergy and six laity elected by Diocesan Convention. Further, each deanery shall elect one clergy and one laity to represent that deanery.

Standing Committee

The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese in the absence of the Bishop. The six clergy and six laity have responsibilities including the areas of property, ordinations, and corporation matters. They also serve as council of advice to the Bishop.

Ecclesiastical Court

A court of six clergy (priest or deacon) and five laity, elected by Diocesan Convention, to hear such complaints of misconduct as may be brought against clergy of the Diocese.

Provincial Council

Each Diocese in the ACNA is represented at annual synod by its bishop, one clergy and two lay members. The Council is the principal governing body of the Province and deliberates on matters concerning the Faith and Mission of the Church. It meets at least once every year.

New Diocesan Office Hours:
Monday–Thursday, 8–4

Friday: Staff works remotely, 8–noon
In-person meetings may be arranged by appointment.

Youth Commission Reimagined:

Imagine a Life Lived in Service to the Church and to the World

By Joy Hunter, Editor



JUDAH SCHLABS

One group of youth commission members gather with Patrick Schlabs for a workshop on worship. Other members were in a group with Jonathan Bennett on Evangelism/Discipleship.

This August, teens from across the Diocese gathered at the Cathedral as the newly configured Youth Commission cohort.

Canon Hunter Myers, our Diocesan Canon for Student Ministries, along with Melissa Bennett, who serves as the Youth Commission Co-leader, invited students in, not simply for training, but for the start of a season of discipleship and discernment, in which the teens can begin to explore where God may be calling them to serve – in worship, missions, family ministry, prayer, diocesan leadership and more.

"The question we're trying to help students answer," says Myers, "is where do they imagine a life lived in service to the Church and to the world, whether that's as a professional minister or ministering professional?"

Myers and his team want the Diocese, and the teens themselves, to see our Youth Commission as a servant-leadership pathway.

Pathways to Ministry

"There's no junior Holy Spirit," says Myers and he stresses that youth is not a barrier to serving Christ. This time on Youth Commission will help participants discover their own pathway to ministry.

Myers and Bennett invited ministry practitioners in worship, prayer, missions, family ministry and more to speak to the teens about their own calling and experience in ministry. The hope is that the time will spark interest and help students catch a vision for how God can use them not only in the future but also in their parishes today. "The win is to launch them back into their parishes," says Myers.

He wants them to ask, "Where can they use talents they'd only ever thought of in terms of a career – for ministry?"

In time, they hope, students called to a specific ministry pathway will help mentor those interested in a similar track.

"The work of the church, the shepherds, is to equip the saints for the work of ministry," says Myers. "We're hoping to create a leadership pipeline. So, when these young people go to college, they ask, 'How can I serve?' Rather than, 'What can I get?'"

A season spent on Youth Commission is an investment with long-term benefits: healthier parishes, stronger volunteers, future church staff, and future clergy. "Hopefully there are churches who are able to find great candidates for ministry roles because of what we've done, because Youth Commission was the catalyst," says Myers. "We hope this time will spark teenagers who are chomping at the bit to serve in their parishes."



Regenerate High School Retreat November 13-15

Join high schoolers from all across South Carolina November 13–15, 2026, at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, SC for Regenerate. Students can expect incredible recreation, engaging large-group sessions, thoughtful worship, and tasty meals.

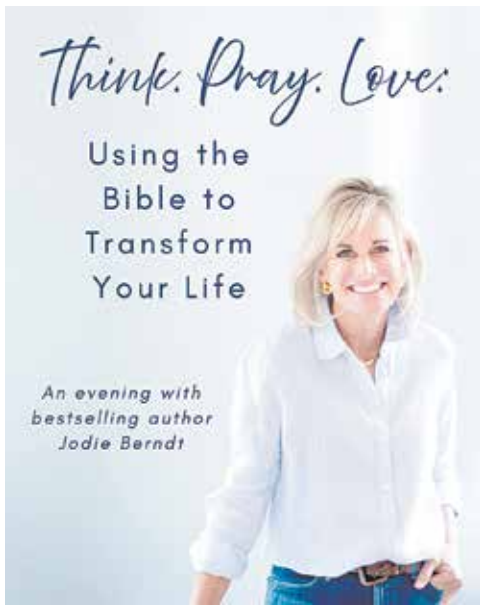
By looking at the ways Jesus calls people in the New Testament, students will see that saying 'yes' to Jesus happens here and now, at every moment of every day. Life with Jesus is not just about where we'll be one day in the future. A life of 'yes' to Jesus is a succession of heres and nows. Peter, Paul, Mary, Martha, and every other disciple of Jesus had to say 'yes' to the call of Jesus, the way of Jesus, the Cross of Jesus, and the Resurrection of Jesus. Our speaker will be Stewart Ryall from the Grove Church in Titusville, FL. Reach out to Hunter Myers or Mattie Zanin (studentministry@adosc.org) with any questions.

Registration closes on November 3 at 5 p.m.

NEW: Group and Individual Registrations

Anyone can now register for Mondo or Regenerate! While many parishes come to fall retreats as a group, parents of any middle or high schooler can register for a Fall Retreat. Individual registrants will journey through the retreat together with adult leaders provided by the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

To learn more about these events, visit https://adosc.org/ministries-and-departments/student-ministries/



Think, Pray, Love: An Evening with Jodie Berndt November 17

The St. Philip's ECW invites all women of the community to their fall speaker event with bestselling author Jodie Berndt on November 17 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Every woman you know goes through trials and transformations. The big question isn't when or what, it's "how will she get through it?!" Grab your Bible study group, your book club, your best friend, mother, sister, cousin, neighbor, or that one woman you keep meaning to get to know better, and come hear from author Jodie Berndt on the transformational power of Scripture––how the Bible can shape how we think, pray, and love.

In our time together we will be focusing on connecting, and you will leave the event with conversation cards meant to be used with the person or group you came with. You are encouraged to make a plan ahead of time to continue your evening with dinner, dessert, coffee, etc. to discuss what you learned and deepen your connections.

Registration ($15): https://saintphilips.churchcenter.com/registrations/signups/3893461

Too Much to Carry Alone

How Churches and Professional Counselors Can Partner Together

By Joy Hunter, Editor

When I was in my late 20s, one of the associate rectors at Grace Church in New York City said from the pulpit, "Every Christian needs to be committed to three regular practices: prayer, Bible study, and therapy." *

"Therapy?" Where did that come from?

In the years since, the world has undergone massive cultural and technological shifts. We are more "connected," perhaps, with more "friends" than ever before—and yet often lonelier. The need for emotional and psychological support as we navigate an increasingly complicated world is significant.

When asked how the challenges people face today differ from those of the past, Meredith Gawai, founder and owner of Deeply Well, a local Christian counseling center, was quick to point to technology.

"The first thing my mind goes to is the level of exposure people have to the harm and suffering of the world," she said. "We know more than previous generations through 24-hour news. There's no barrier to entry at any age if you have a phone, laptop, or TV.

"So, we meet 12-year-olds who've looked at porn, despite living in Christian homes, and 16-year-olds who are anxious and emotionally lost watching the conflict in the Middle East. The pain of living in a broken world is everywhere and occurs much earlier in a child or teen's development."

The Rev. Jonathan Bennett, rector of Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island, and his wife, Melissa, invited Meredith and her team of licensed counselors to their church—not only to make connections with individuals, but also to lead classes and workshops, removing barriers to making that first connection with a therapist.

"I'm not an expert," said Jonathan. "When an individual or couple comes for counseling, I typically meet with them one, two or even three times, but sometimes the issue is beyond my scope. I'll say, 'We need to talk this through and pray about it, but I know my limitations and you need to see someone who is trained to help you.'"



GETTY IMAGES

"I've heard some people ask, 'Why are pastors contracting out their discipleship to therapists?' But that's not what's happening," says Meredith. "It's that people feel safe enough to show their pastors and church leaders what's truly going on, and the leaders are wise enough to point towards professional support."

Melissa agreed. "As a youth pastor, I'm always telling students, 'Look, I can pray with you, I can help disciple you and assist you in your spiritual direction and growth, but I cannot help you with your eating disorder.' That is not my job as a pastor. Our job is to point people to Jesus, but sometimes people have issues that need input from a professional."

Jonathan compares it to physical illness. "I'll say, 'I can pray for that, and God might heal you. But often he doesn't.' Licensed counselors and therapists provide mental health treatment in a way I can't."

The church, in fact, is often the place where an individual's inner pain comes to the surface.

"What's really beautiful about the local church," said Meredith, "is that if somebody comes and gets connected, they can feel safe enough to be vulnerable about who they are and what struggles they face. That's why churches are actually one of the best places to discover how therapy could be beneficial."

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Growth at St. David's, Cheraw

By The Rev. Jason Varnadore, St. David's, Cheraw



KIM CARR

"We recently held a banquet we called a Wisdom Feast, where the children, five-years old and up, served a four-course meal to the older saints of the church, 55 years old and up," said Jason. "Both groups enjoyed themselves and were reminded to honor and model Christ for each other.

St. David's has a lot going on right now! We have finally, after much waiting and patience, broken ground on our fellowship hall. The trusses have been delivered, the footers dug, and the form boards are in place. The plumbing should be in soon, and then we go vertical! Pray for us.

In the meantime, we are celebrating saints young and old. We recently held a banquet we called a Wisdom Feast, where the children, five-years old and up, served a four-course meal to the older saints of the church, 55 years old and up. They served salad, bruschetta and shrimp scampi on baguettes, chicken marsala, and garlic green beans, rounded out with tiramisu. Both groups enjoyed themselves and were reminded to honor and model Christ for each other.

We have over a dozen children in the congregation now, so we have hired Kim Carr as our new children's minister. Kim is the wife of Brad Carr, the new Lay Pastor in Charge of St. Paul's, Bennettsville, who was sent out by St. David's earlier this year.

Finally, this year we baptized two children and one adult at Old St. David's Church built in 1770. The Lord is adding to our number each year while we worship in Kiser Funeral Home. After all, we do believe in the Resurrection!

Is There Life in Outer Space?

By The Rev. Luke Deman, St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Summerville

A few weeks ago, we hosted an evening at St. Timothy's devoted to a question that might sound like a joke at first: If there is intelligent life somewhere out there in the galaxy, what would that mean for our faith?

Cell phone footage, declassified government files, and pop culture references had caused many to reflect on this question. Enough people had asked me about it that I thought it was worth gathering and working through it together. On the night of our event, members of the congregation arrived in hats they had fashioned out of aluminum foil. We were privileged to receive visitors that had never set foot in our building. We laughed together, shared a meal, and spent a night immersed in Scripture.

I wanted to hold the evening because I believe that when the Church is asked a question like this, we often claim more than we should. Especially when it comes to questions like creation. Many people can feel pressure to accept the narrowest possible reading or leave. I've talked to countless people outside the church that have left because no one ever gave them the vocabulary to push back or feel comfortable with ambiguity. Science and faith do not need to be adversaries.

So the evening was an exercise in theological imagination, not a claim that anyone is out there. And we found that Scripture carries an imagination large enough to fill every corner of creation.



LUKE DEMAN

The gospel is not predicated on humanity being the only characters in the drama.

The Bible actually assumes a populated heavens and a populated earth, both created, both under one Lord. And it consistently overturns the privilege of the elder in favor of the latecomer: Abel over Cain, Jacob over Esau, David the youngest of eight. The short over the tall, the plain over the beautiful, the child over the grown-up. Hebrews 2 makes the point that the world to come is not handed over to the higher beings. It is handed to the one who was made lower than all of them, and then crowned. Powerful and technologically advanced creatures from distant civilizations being served by the author of all creation is in continuity with the story we've been telling since the beginning.

Said another way, the gospel is not predicated on humanity being the only characters in the drama. The gospel is predicated on the Word made flesh. In Colossians 1, all things in heaven and on earth are created in him and reconciled through the blood of his cross. In Revelation 5, every creature in heaven and on earth worships the slain Lamb. The existence of intelligent life in the galaxy only enlarges the territory of the King of Kings.

In the end, we can wait for the answer to the little green men without too much anxiety because the One who made the Heavens and the Earth came down, went lower than all of them, and was raised. And the same hands that deliberately placed the stars in the sky were the hands that were nailed to the cross to reconcile everything those stars shine on.

A Day in the Life of God's Goods

Mt. Pleasant Thrift Shop "Powerful God-driven Force in Community"

By Lori Bellacicco, Christ Church Anglican, Mt Pleasant

It's 8:45 on a quiet Tuesday morning. The volunteers trickle in, and the sound in the God's Goods Thrift Store is suddenly full of life - everyone greeting each other and asking what they can do today. Then we gather in the center of the store to welcome the day in prayer, thanking God for giving us this opportunity to serve Him in such a wonderful way. We give thanks for the store and its mission, for our volunteers and their safety, and for our customers and the light that we and they spread. Then the volunteers scatter to their usual areas and get to work.



LORI BELLACICCO

In less than four years, God's Goods has grown a volunteer base of over 120 folks who give of their time and talents weekly, some even daily!

At 9 a.m. we unlock the doors and welcome our first customers. Their joy becomes ours as we watch them find treasures to make their own. As they shop our volunteers are hard at work.

Volunteers Wanda DeLorge and Rita Weston, from Christ Church Anglican (CCA), start by rummaging through boxes and bags of donated items and pull out a smorgasbord of treasures. They find pots and pans, dishes, stuffed animals, Barbie dolls, cookbooks, and more. You never know what might come in the donations door.

My husband, Rob, and I, shift leaders (also from CCA), scan the store looking for areas to restock, dust bunnies to remove, and things to repair. I head to the clothing receiving area to sort through a mountain of bagged clothes, finding many things to sell, some to pass on to other ministries, and some to recycle. Rob starts cleaning a beautiful mahogany table with chairs and finds the perfect spot for them on the sales floor – ready to go home with a new owner.

Donna Schnupp and Becky Smith (yes, more CCA folks) arrive for their afternoon shift. Donna jumps into clothing sorting mode, and Becky goes to work inspecting and sorting linens and decorative pillows.

At 5 o'clock, the store grows quieter. The proceeds for the day are counted and deposited; hugs and farewells are exchanged; and we all head out. God's Goods does two things with the money earned from shop sales, clothing recycling, and gifts. We pay our operating expenses (rent, insurance, supplies, etc.) and distribute the rest as grants to ministries and organizations throughout the Lowcountry and beyond.

In less than four years, God's Goods has grown a volunteer base of over 120 folks who give of their time and talents weekly, some even daily! They are a very ecumenical group, representing 20+ churches throughout the Lowcountry. Volunteers are the heartbeat of God's Goods. Every donation that comes in and every grant that goes out is because of the efforts of these dedicated folks serving as the hands and feet of God. Many have been with us since the inception of the God's Goods Mt. Pleasant idea,* and others joined our family more recently. Rest assured that there is always room for more to pitch in. Other CCA parishioners involved in this include Jayne Bryant, Kate and Tim Kiel, Mark Nungesser, Cash Rest, Evelyn and Bob Whitlatch, and Eva Wicks. Some even consult occasionally to help assess donated items. For example, Tom DeLorge is a musician and avid golfer. When we receive guitars or golf clubs, he often helps assess their condition and value. Also, Ken Schnupp serves on the Funding Board.

We currently have eight partner churches who have taken God's Goods on as a mission partner. They advocate within their congregations for volunteer service to our ministry. They also participate directly in the God's Goods Funding Board process where grant recipients are vetted and funds are given out. Also, God's Goods has established an annual gift to the youth programs at each partner church. We recognize that our youth are pulled in so many ways in today's world, and we want to invest in their Christ-centered foundation through their home churches.

To make it easier for churches, clubs, schools, etc. to participate, we have started a "Second Saturday" program for adults and youth to come help once a month. We can always find room for people to join us in constructive ways. We also have many young people who come in to earn service hours for school and church.

This past September our Funding Board met to distribute this quarter's proceeds. We look for nonprofit organizations that serve in Christ-like ways and try to give meaningful grants that help them accomplish specific goals or support their ongoing operations, in our community and beyond. To date, we have provided grants to over 60 organizations, many of those on a recurring basis. In the first four years of operation, God has blessed us with the ability to provide over $1,200,000 in grants.

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God's Goods is a powerful, God-driven force in our community. We welcome volunteers, shoppers, and donations. Come help us spread God's word and joy through retail, service, and relationship!

* God's Goods, Mt. Pleasant, is modeled after the God's Goods store in Bluffton, which was founded by members of the Church of the Cross. We are grateful for the assistance they have provided us.

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the Church; preparing for Provincial Council Meetings; receiving annual reports from all Committees that report to the EC, Ministry Partners, Affiliated Ministries, and grant programs within ACNA; monitoring diocesan and congregational health; monitoring the Special Jurisdiction for the Armed Forces and Chaplaincy; reviewing and approving charters, policies, and processes; maintaining custody of documents and property; and fulfilling Grant Governance Policy duties.



John was raised in Columbia and was a congregant at St. John's, Shandon. He has been a member of PGW since 1983. On the Diocesan level he has served on the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council. He previously served on the Board of Directors of Camp St. Christopher and was the first Chairman of Camp Jubilee. Additionally, he has been a delegate to several Diocesan Conventions.

On the Provincial level he has served as a delegate to the 2017, 2019, 2024 & 2026 ACNA Provincial Assemblies. He has served on Provincial Council for five years and was elected to the Executive Committee in June 2026.

At PGW he has served multiple terms as Senior Warden and on the vestry. He is currently Vice-Chairman of the Historic Preservation Trust, is a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, participates in Men's Ministry, and is a regular Men's Conference attendee. A major part of his spiritual life has been the M2 Gospel Challenge.

John worked most of his career as Director of Sales for Hitachi Maxell and then worked as the Professional Products Business Development Manager with Verbatim Americas. John is a graduate of The University of South Carolina with a BA in Journalism. He has been married to Elaine for 48 years, and they have three adult children and seven grandchildren.

Keeping Marriages Strong

How One Church is Cultivating Christ-Centered Marriages

By Kim Martier, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

In an era when the institution of marriage faces constant cultural pressures, one local church is taking proactive steps to strengthen relational foundations. This past August, the Family Ministry of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville hosted "August Nights: Better Together," a four-week marriage seminar designed to equip couples with both biblical wisdom and practical communication tools.

Hosted by the Rev. Korey Kincaid, Associate Rector for Families at St. Paul's, the event was open to church members and the wider community alike. The response from the community was overwhelming. More than 58 couples—spanning all ages and stages of marriage—gathered each week to invest in their relationships.

The necessity of such ministries is backed by compelling data. According to a recent report by Focus on the Family, approximately 74% of U.S. marriages are considered healthy. That number jumps significantly to 82% for deeply committed Christians.

However, the research also highlights that 21% of American couples face a severe marital crisis, such as actively considering divorce. The data shows a stark divide based on faith practices: 25% of non-Christians report experiencing a marital crisis, compared to just 13% of convictional Christians.

Focus on the Family President Jim Daly notes that actively practicing a Christian faith together provides significant relational protection. It is this protective barrier—built on shared prayer, scripture, and grace—that St. Paul's sought to cultivate throughout the seminar.

Recognizing the logistical challenges that young families face when trying to invest in their marriages, St. Paul's designed the seminar to be as accessible as possible. Held on consecutive Sunday nights from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. throughout August, the event thoughtfully provided both dinner and childcare.

Each evening began in fellowship with a family-style dinner, served by a dedicated hospitality team led by Special Events Coordinator Lisa Campbell and her volunteers. Following dinner, children were escorted to childcare for age-appropriate playtime and spiritual lessons, allowing parents to focus entirely on the evening's teaching.

Fr. Korey then led the couples through four targeted sessions:

1: The Meaning and Purpose of Marriage
2: What is the "Crazy Cycle?"



BECKY COLLETT

3: His Needs / Her Needs
4: Breaking the "Crazy Cycle"

After each teaching session, the large group broke out into smaller, intimate circles for deeper discussion. These breakout groups were facilitated by experienced, married small group leaders who helped guide the conversation and offer real-world perspective.

The seminar was designed to extend far beyond the church walls. Each week, couples received interactive homework assignments to promote personal growth and intimacy at home.

One practical assignment challenged couples to practice intentional encouragement and shared prayer: "Commit each day to pick out at least one way your spouse made you feel loved or respected and share that with him/her. Pray together as a couple. Ask God to soften your hearts toward one another and give you the courage to faithfully pursue change wherever it is needed."

The impact of the four-week investment resonated with newlyweds and seasoned couples alike.

For participants Jack and Morgan Ellis, the seminar provided a perfect blend of theology and practicality. "It was so valuable revisiting the deeper meaning of our union

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Teens Share Christ's Love on the Streets of Atlanta

By Sean Richardson, St. Paul's, Conway and Charlotte Smith, St. John's, Florence

This past July a team of students and adults from St. John's, Florence and St. Paul's, Conway spent a week ministering on the streets of Atlanta, GA, with an organization called Seven Bridges to Recovery.

The non-profit, which seeks to end homelessness, ministers to those living under the bridges of Atlanta and in an area called the Bluff (Atlanta's largest crack cocaine and prostitution district) where they feed people and meet physical needs with the goal of sharing Christ and eventually getting the homeless off the streets.



SEAN RICHARDSON

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It was incredibly inspiring to watch our youth, some as young as 12, place their hands on a person who smelled badly and looked neglected. What was even more incredible was to witness them look that person in the eye and ask how they could pray for them and then do it on the spot.

During the week the 28 teenagers and adults spent days walking through neighborhoods, apartment complexes, littered streets and around tent cities offering a meal and prayer to anyone who would receive them.

We began each day making 200 bag lunches and spending time in prayer, after which we headed out into the streets with the lunches as the hook and conversation starter. Each day our students amazed us with their courage and trust in the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they boldly prayed for the strangers they met on the streets. Our students acted with compassion and treated everyone they met with dignity and respect. They didn't wince at bad smells or grimace at the filth and squalor. They looked deeply into the eyes of the people God put before them and told them they mattered and were loved by the one who made them.

It was an honor to serve alongside our students and we can't wait to see how God will continue to use that experience to impact and shape their hearts for His kingdom work. Some students have already begun to do what they did in Atlanta in their own home towns. They have gone to the grocery store and purchased food and supplies with their own money and visited locations where homeless congregate. They passed out food and prayed for individuals. What happens in Atlanta can't stay in Atlanta. We are called to GO!

One student, Merrell Longoria, shares his experiences:

Mr. Mike, a member of the Seven Bridges staff, said a quote that will always stick with me, "You either take the trash out, or you sleep in it," meaning that if you don't get up and do it, it won't ever get done. Take charge of the day and be a man.

The first stop we went to was a neighborhood called the Bluffs, known for having the highest rate of heroin use in the country. There we saw working prostitutes and people facing cycles of sin that were seemingly impossible to escape. We met Christians who knew Scripture like it was written on their eyelids. They would come up to us with this overwhelming presence and start repeating scripture. It was moving seeing these men do this because they had nothing, nothing but God and his comfort, knowing that whatever happens in these hard streets will never compare to what the Lord has in store for them in heaven. But then there were people in the opposite mindset—people who were so infatuated with sin that they couldn't imagine living without it. People who were addicted to drugs, stuck in a cycle of sin that was wrapping chains upon chains over their hearts.

As we were packing up from a trailer park, I saw a man walking towards us. Everybody was already on the bus, so I grabbed a lunch from the van to take to him. Here I see that this man is taller and skinnier, no shirt on, and is drenched in sweat. I asked his name and how I could pray for him. He said his name was Tony and said he didn't need prayer for anything specific. So I just prayed, and as I did, Sean (our youth minister) joined the prayer. After the prayer, Sean asked again, this time with a tone of sincerity and real concern, "What do you really need prayer for?" Then Tony replied with a sad, defeated, and utterly real tone, "heroin." Sean then said,

"Do you know you need help?"

"Yes"

"Do you want help?"

"Yes"

"Okay then, let's go get you some help."

Sean then led us over to the Seven Bridges member, who told Tony how to become a member of Seven Bridges. Tony was told that he would have to call 911 and ask to get in contact with "Grady," the emergency department in charge of overdoses. Once Tony heard the word "Grady," he visibly clocked out and stopped paying attention. It was heart-wrenching. I could tell he knew what Grady is and had either gone through the program or heard of others who have, and it was such a scary experience that he could never imagine going through it again. He had been looking for any other answer, any other way to get over this rock that is blocking him from moving on in life. But the answer he had heard time and time again is so scary, so foreign to him that he automatically said no to it. I pray that eventually enough seeds will be sown in Mr. Tony's life that the Lord will take what needs to be taken from him for Mr. Tony to gain an understanding in Christ. And for Mr. Tony to take that first step and get over this rock with the love of the Lord to then see what God has in store for him.



SEAN RICHARDSON

Teens pray for healing and restoration.

Seeds of Faith, PGW's Growing Partnership in Antigua

By Karen Owens, Prince George Winyah, Georgetown

What began in a moment of deep grief has blossomed into a vibrant, spirit-filled partnership across the sea. This past July, six members of Prince George Winyah Parish (PGW)—Brett Kucera, Tracy Morris, Kellee Krofka, Judy Gilchrist, the Rev. Ramsey Gilchrist, and Danny Morgan—traveled on a mission to our sister parish, St. Paul's Anglican Church in Falmouth, Antigua.

The sacred connection between our churches first took root in 2023 during a period of tragic loss, when a beloved PGW member Lisa Collins fell gravely ill while visiting the island. Through a providential PGW connection, one of our members contacted her husband's brother, the Rev. Raliville "Ral" Christian, who is the rector of St. Paul's in Antigua. He stepped in to guide and comfort Lisa's husband, Perry Collins, through Lisa's untimely passing. In November 2025, PGW rector, the Very Rev. Gary Beson led a small group to the dedication ceremony of a dozen stained-glass windows installed at St. Paul's dedicated in Lisa Collins' memory.

During that November trip, the churches identified two ministries in which they could deepen their relationship: children and men.



RICHARD LINDSAY

Above right, Brett Kucera teaches a new song. In November, the team brought another guitar and ukulele for the children.

This past July, the PGW team witnessed incredible fruit from the seeds planted months before.

Harmony and Youth Ministry

When Youth Minister Brett Kucera gave instruments last fall, he hoped they would ignite a passion for music. Arriving this summer, he discovered they had. "I was half expecting to see the instruments somewhere gathering dust," he said, "but was overjoyed to see they are being used every week at the newly created Thursday Music Club. I was shocked to hear how quickly the children were learning to play! Praise God!"

The children demonstrated astounding progress, culminating in a joint Sunday worship performance that ended with a joyful rendition of Bob Marley's One Love. The team left behind another guitar and ukulele for the children to enjoy.

Meanwhile, PGW Children's Mission Evangelist and Sunday School Teacher, Tracy Morris, along with Kellee Krofka and Judy Gilchrist, joined forces with St. Paul's leader Dinah Bailey to lead Vacation Bible School. Drawing on their backgrounds as educators, the team engaged with approximately 25 children for a week of crafts, games, and Gospel lessons. Tracy testified to "seeing the face of Jesus" in the children, echoing her past mission experiences in Kenya, Honduras, and The Abacos.

An Awakening in Men's Ministry

God moved powerfully among the men of Falmouth. The Rev. Ramsey Gilchrist presented his Gospel Challenge discipleship program to 22 men—far exceeding the eight St. Paul's had hoped would attend. PGW member Danny Morgan shared how successful the Gospel Challenge has been with the men in Georgetown, and he had several one-on-one conversations with the men, encouraging them to take the challenge.

St. Paul's lay leader Richard Sherman shared his excitement, "I've never seen so many men in our church! This shows me that they are hungry for the Gospel. I'm extremely excited about this development."

Walking in Faith Together

Throughout the week, the team drew inspiration from Ral, whose passionate community outreach and warmth radiated everywhere he went. In a wonderful answer to years of prayer, Ral was recently accepted into Trinity Anglican Seminary's MDiv program, supported by scholarships and contributions from the PGW Inklings book club.

Reflecting on the transformative week, team member Danny Morgan shared, "Prior to our trip, I asked for prayers since I had no idea what I would be able to contribute. I don't play instruments and have no experience working with children at VBS. I stepped out on faith and trusted God to guide me, and He did. The love and fellowship we shared is difficult to describe. We broke bread together, laughed together, worshipped together and shared stories about our families. They were some of the kindest, most loving people I ever have encountered, and I felt incredibly blessed spending all that time with them... It is my

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More Than Playing Games

A Jubilate Deo Interview with Chelsea Hamshaw, All Saints', Florence

On July 15, Chelsea Hamshaw, who serves on staff at All Saints', Florence (and is married to the rector, the Rev. Jason Hamshaw) and I (Joy Hunter) chatted about the Game Nights she and Jason host in their home.

Jubilate Deo: Chelsea, how did you come up with the idea for a Game Night?

Chelsea: I've always loved the idea of having people into our home just to get to know them. And our family loves games. I was trying to figure out how we could have a lot of people over. And it just clicked. Games! Games are a much easier way to do that than saying, "Hey, 50 people from our church, why don't you come over?"

Years ago, the diocese urged people to read *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* by Rosaria Butterfield. I loved the interplay between being the host and being hosted. There's something about being in the home where I'm serving a meal that invites people to come alongside and help me get the mess together because my house is messy. I have seven people and a dog living in our house!

Jubilate Deo: So everything doesn't have to be perfect?

Chelsea: There's always a certain degree of chaos, but that's part of what makes you feel at home. The book inspired me to think through how hospitality and life together in the church can look. Games provide a vehicle for people to get to know one another without the pressure of sitting down and trying to think of things to talk about.



LEILA MANN

We don't put restrictions on toddlers coming because, yes, toddlers might interrupt the game, but the game isn't the most important part. The most important part is people having the opportunity to gather together in a home and to feel the hospitality that the gospel automatically brings out in people.

Jubilate Deo: Do you play one game, or are people playing different games?

Chelsea: We have other games, but there's one game in particular, Wits and Wagers, that allows everyone to join in. It's a trivia game in which the answer to every question is a number. So, you might ask, "How many people could fit on the first Ferris wheel?" You get all kinds of wild guesses and then bet on the one you think is right. People get very into this game. We put people into random teams, so they don't get to choose who's on their team. That's part of what helps people get to know each other.

Jubilate Deo: Do people outside the church come?

Chelsea: We have had visitors, friends of members, a few non-Christians or spouses of members who don't come to church. But usually, it's newer people who are visiting the church. It's a great way for somebody to plug into the church quickly or for those on the periphery to experience community.

Jubilate Deo: Do the kids enjoy it?

Ben: (Chelsea's son who's sitting with her) Yeah! I do!

Chelsea: Our kids love it, and the other kids do, too. Part of what's been so special is you'll have a 9-year-old battling it out on a team with a 70-year-old. They have a lot of fun and they get to know each other. Generations interact somewhat at church, but it's stiff. In our home, they're relaxed. Even the teenagers – who are notoriously socially awkward and often just shut down – join in the fun.

Jubilate Deo: About how many people will show up?

Chelsea: Usually, it's between 30 and 50. One time we had about 60. That was a little crazy, and only about 30 played the game.

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Churches in the Spotlight

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:16 NIV)

Have a Seat; Learn to Read
Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island

Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island, which gives 10% of donations to their operating budget to outreach and mission, recently purchased two couches for the Seven Farms Apartment mentoring program. Members serve in the program as well.

Ankle-Deep in Pluff Mud
St. Philip's, Charleston

On September 19 the youth of St. Philip's were ankle-deep in pluff mud, filling bag after bag with plastic bottles, discarded papers (including a parking ticket!), and all the other types of garbage that pollute our waterways. "...actively taking part in cleaning the marsh benefits not only the environment, but also my soul, as in my servitude, even for a brief hour, I am brought closer to Christ," said 11th grader, Vera Galván.

Design an Advent Bulletin Cover
St. John's, Johns Island

St. John's, Johns Island invited parishioners to submit cover art for their bulletins during the Advent season. "Pray over the Scripture and Holy Days for each week to see how the Lord inspires you," wrote the rector, the Rev. Jeremy Shelton.

Let's Build a Playground
St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville

St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville, whose new location was consecrated August 22, held a Yard Sale to raise funds for a new playground. "It was a great success!" said the Rector, the Rev. Bill Oldland. "We can now start on construction of the playground."

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Kenya Welcomes GrandCamp

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Fruitful Partnerships on Display

The historic four-day, three-night camp unfolded August 2-5, 2026 at the Huma Girls School, providing a vivid showcase of long-standing global mission partnerships. Dr. Lee Jones, a leader in Prince George Winyah's First Fruits campaign, expressed deep emotion seeing the tangible impact of years of shared ministry between the ACK and the ADOSC.

The 103 grandparents and 189 grandchildren were housed in a beautiful new dormitory built through the generosity of St. Helena's, Beaufort. Clean water for cooking, sanitation, and modern restrooms was supplied via Prince George Winyah's investment in Water Mission International. Meanwhile, the school's brand-new, gymnasium-sized multipurpose building hosted worship, teaching, and fellowship.

"Seeing the multipurpose building in action was exhilarating! It serves as a cafeteria, chapel, and gathering place for the girls at Huma. It was the perfect venue for GrandCamp," Dr. Jones explained.

Connecting Two Receptive Generations

The Rev. Emmah Omondi of ACK All-Saints Maseno was deeply moved by the ministry's unique approach. "GrandCamp did something most church programs don't do: it connected the two most spiritually open generations," Omondi shared.

For many Kenyan grandparents, the camp offered a profound epiphany. While elders traditionally serve as primary caregivers, many had not envisioned themselves as intentional spiritual mentors. Retirement had left some feeling sidelined into basic babysitting. GrandCamp reminded them of their high calling as spiritual anchors, giving them a second chance to pass down their faith with intentionality.

Vibrant Gospel Teaching & Interactive Worship

The Gospel came alive for the children through immersive lessons on Christ's miracles—including the Nativity, the feeding of the five thousand, and turning water into wine. Kenyan children, accustomed to rigorous school recitation, eagerly memorized all five camp scripture verses with remarkable ease.



REUBEN ALOO

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A central highlight was a dramatic visual illustration of the Atonement. I explained the Gospel using two shirts: one clean white shirt worn by Jesus and one sin-stained shirt worn by man. As Jesus offers to trade shirts, campers witnessed how Christ takes our punishment, while giving us His righteousness.

I asked the children, "Do you accept the deal Jesus is offering you? It's His gift to you." It was immensely gratifying hearing the children publicly accept Christ's grace.

Music filled the air throughout the camp, combining African praise rhythms with interactive camp songs. Meanwhile, Mrs. Lee Jones ("Teacher Achieng") led local Sunday School teachers in directing arts, crafts, and children's Bible lessons, creating a collaborative model that enriched local church leaders for long-term ministry.

Equipping Elders Through "Grand Bits"

The enthusiasm of the Kenyan grandparents was contagious. Three grandfathers in their late 70s and 80s sat faithfully in the front row, dancing and singing with joy. Elders were particularly eager for the "Grand Bits" modules—practical training designed to help grandparents bridge modern cultural gaps, share personal testimonies, and stand in prayer for their families.

One grandfather shared that rapid cultural changes had left him unsure how to communicate faith to his grandchildren. After GrandCamp, he felt equipped and confident to lead his family spiritually.

Voices from the Camp:

- Reuben Aloo (Parent): "Unlike before, our children now take family devotions much more seriously. May God richly reward you for making GrandCamp happen here!"
- Francis Ochieng (Grandfather): "Our youth have strayed from Biblical values. Now that the ADOSC has equipped us, we are going to take this information and teaching and spread it to the rest of the world."

A Generational Legacy Sown in Faith

The powerful rhythm of daily family devotions culminated with each child receiving their very own Bible—a first for nearly every child present. "Watching grandparents reading and discussing scripture with their grandchildren was profoundly inspiring," noted Sherry ("Akinyi") Kucera.

Summing up the significance of the trip, the Rev. Fred Onyango of St. Paul's, Summerville said, "The first-ever GrandCamp in Kenya, and possibly Sub-Saharan Africa, was a timely, strategic culmination of a deeply impactful vision that will affect the church and society for generations to come. It was amazing to see the small epiphanies the 103 grandparents experienced through teachings,

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Restore Homes, Restore Hope, Restore Lives

By The Rev. Canon Newman Lawrence, St. Jude's, Walterboro; ADOSC Canon for Men's Ministries



FULLER CENTER FOR DISASTER REBUILDERS

With ARDF, help continues to come and not just rebuild homes but restore lives and bring hope to all that experience such horrific storms.

This past September marked two years since Hurricane Helene devastated Western North Carolina having hit other areas hard as it traveled north out of the Gulf. If you have traveled to places like Hendersonville or even Black Mountain it seems like business is back to normal. The store fronts are open; the restaurants are serving locals and tourists alike; and the many breweries continue to pump out their products and host live music. Our mountain playground, just a few hours from Charleston seems to be doing just fine. But that is only part of the picture.

As you begin talking to folks, you realize that two years later, they are still sleeping in temporary housing, mobile homes moved to new sites, even camping trailers. Some folks are still battling with insurance companies over the fact that the land their home used to be on no longer exists. The rivers changed their course, sides of mountains slid away, life is not the same for many even still today. This becomes more and more apparent as you step away from the tourist hubs and into the mountain hollows.

Through the Domestic Disaster Response Network of the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, teams continue to help rebuild and restore homes in Western North Carolina. In early November, an ARDF team representing a handful of churches in our Diocese and members from other dioceses, spent two weeks helping families get one step closer to being home.

Our days began with prayer before we headed out to our job sites, identified by partner organization, Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders. We were given a task list for the week based on our skills and got to work. We had the opportunity to meet the owner of the home, a 70-year old disabled veteran and his wife, who told us how during the storm trees were coming down all around them and water was just pouring through their roof. They ended up trapped in their home, up a steep mountain road, for a few days before help came.

With ARDF, help continues to come and not just rebuild homes but restore lives and bring hope to all that experience such horrific storms. ARDF is currently deploying teams in Western North Carolina, the Texas hill country (flooding), California (wildfires), and soon West Virginia (flooding).

If your church is interested in supporting any of these missions or sending a team, I would love to help coordinate this with you. You can contact me at RevNewman.Lawrence@gmail.com

Godspeed Author to Speak at Christian Men's Conference

By Jackson Lee, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach

Men, what if following Jesus requires us not to do more, but to slow down enough to know God and the people he has placed around us? If that seems compelling, join us at the Lutheridge Camp & Conference Center in Arden, North Carolina, February 5-7 for our 2027 Christian Men's Conference.

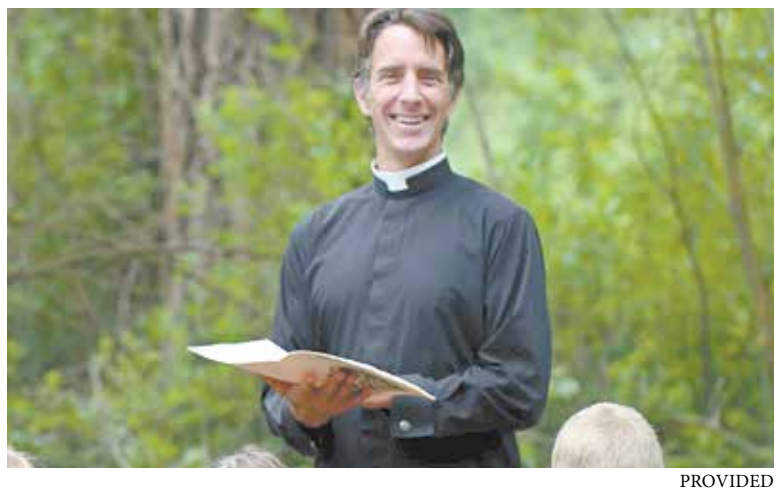
Our speaker this year is the Rev. Matt Canlis, an Anglican priest, author, and pastor best known for his work on relational theology and "living at Godspeed." Godspeed is a movement focused on slowing down to live at the pace of being fully known by God and by one's neighbors.

The Men's Conference is designed to address issues facing men in today's fast-paced world and to provide insights and practical ways to navigate the stresses of everyday life. It is our prayer that the teaching and fellowship of the weekend will draw men closer to God through a greater love and understanding of his Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and equip them to live out their faith more fully in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities.

Early Ministry & the Scottish Discovery

Raised in Seattle, Canlis initially pursued church leadership through traditional theological channels. He and his wife, Dr. Julie Canlis, moved to Vancouver, Canada, for seminary studies before relocating to Scotland, where Julie pursued her Ph.D. in theology at the University of St Andrews.

During their 13 years in Scotland, Canlis served as a minister at Methlick Parish Church in rural Aberdeenshire. Accustomed to the fast-paced, program-driven style of North American church leadership, he experienced a profound shift while pastoring the historic parish.Trading his car for a bicycle and traveling the parish on foot, Canlis discovered that pastoral ministry was grounded in presence: walking the parish, knowing people by name, and participating in everyday community life beyond Sunday services.



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With Danny Lund, Canlis co-created Godspeed: The Pace of Being Known, a short documentary chronicling his transition from an ambitious young pastor to one who learned to embrace the relational pace of Jesus—who "walked at three miles an hour."

He is also the author of *Godspeed Pilgrim: 40 Days of Being Re-parented by the Trinity,* a devotional designed to be experienced while walking through your own neighborhood, and *The Godspeed Study Guide*, an eight-week video and small-group study.

Current Ministry at Trinity Church

After returning to the U.S., Canlis became rector of Trinity Church in Wenatchee, Washington. There, he continues to practice the principles of parish ministry, encouraging people to pay attention to the places where God has planted them, slow down, and cultivate relationships with their neighbors.

He and Julie live in Washington, where they balance local parish ministry, writing, and organizing theological retreats in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Christian Men's Conference has been a meaningful part of the lives of many men, and we pray it will continue to be a place where men are strengthened, refreshed, and restored. Join us February 5–7, 2027, and please pray for the conference and for the men who will gather. Sign up for conference updates at christianmensconference.org.

Curate's Corner

By The Rev. Kurt Walters, Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island



DANIELLE WALTERS

Coming out of seminary is an odd thing. After spending the better part of three years studying Scripture, church history, systematic theology, liturgy, church music, pastoral care, and all the rest, one might expect the transition back into parish life to be seamless. After all, seminary is supposed to prepare someone for ministry.

Yet some lessons can only be learned after the books have been packed, the papers submitted, and the moving truck has disappeared down the road.

My transition into the parish has been remarkably smooth. I am blessed with a good and patient rector, Fr. Karl, a wonderful parish, and people who have welcomed my family with genuine kindness. But even good transitions are still transitions, and transitions are rarely easy.

The move itself provided plenty of reminders of that truth. There was the terrible moving company (30-plus days without our belongings), cleaning the old house, cleaning the new house, buying a second car, and then fixing the first car. There was also the ongoing adventure of trying to find everything we packed.

The first boxes were carefully organized and clearly labeled: "Kitchen—plates," "Books—systematic theology," and "Children's room—Toys." As moving day approached, however, the labeling system became less precise. Boxes began to say things such as "Miscellaneous," "Important," or simply "Stuff." Some boxes apparently entered a witness-protection program and have not been seen since.

Parish ministry can sometimes feel like opening those boxes. Seminary gives us categories, vocabulary, theological foundations, and tools for ministry. Then parish life presents real people, real joys, real sorrows, and real questions that do not always arrive neatly labeled.

In the parish, someone asks, "What exactly is a transitional deacon?" Then comes the follow-up: "So, are you a priest or not?" The complete answer requires a little time. Buy me a cup of coffee, and I will be happy to explain it.

Seminary taught me a great deal about the Church as the Body of Christ. Parish life is teaching me what it means to find my place within that Body. Ministry is not simply applying information learned in a classroom. It is entering the life of a particular community, learning its stories, listening to its people, and discovering how God is already at work among them.

In my short time at Church of Our Saviour, some of my greatest joys have been surprisingly simple: learning names, remembering names, hearing family stories, praying with parishioners, preaching, and seeing something of God's beauty in the faces of the new people I meet. I have also developed a special place in my heart for the weekly Healing Service I lead. Gathering with others to pray for those carrying sickness, sorrow, or distress is a sacred privilege. In those shared moments of prayer, Christ's healing presence becomes more than something abstract, it becomes a real encounter with the Living God.

It warms my heart to watch my wife and children being welcomed and loved-on by the parish. A luncheon was held to welcome my wife, and I must admit I enjoyed watching an introvert discover how it feels to be loved by an entire group at once. Though naturally quiet, she is genuinely excited to meet new people and begin forming friendships. Our children are also finding their own places within the church building and grounds. My son moves about as though he has been elected mayor greeting everyone and keeping a watchful eye on the property. My daughter delights in dancing through the empty sanctuary, filling that sacred space with movement and joy. Through their eyes, the church is becoming more than the place where their father serves; it is becoming our family's spiritual home.

I know parish ministry will not always feel this way. Difficult seasons will come. There will be disappointments, conflicts, mistakes, and days when the right path is hard to see. For now, however, God is graciously showing me the good. He is allowing me to see the beauty of his Church in worship, prayer, healing, new relationships, and the joyful welcome extended to my family.

When the difficult days come, I pray the Lord, and Fr. Karl will help guide me through them.

Some boxes are still missing. Some routines are still taking shape. There are names still to learn and many lessons ahead. But amid all the changes, Christ remains faithful. Coming out of seminary may be an odd thing, but it is also a grace-filled thing. I am grateful to be here unpacking boxes, meeting God's people, and discovering what it means to serve this particular part of the Body of Christ.

The Bread (Machine) of Life

A Story About Connections

By Dr. Linda Karges-Bone, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

They call me "The Bread Lady." At least my friends and admirers do. I'm the "Bread Lady" because I bake bread several days a week and leave it for those who need a bit of honey and yeast and love.

Lest the reader become too impressed with my largess and skill, I'll say right away that I use a bread machine for this noble work. At times, I've had two on hand and used both. You see, it's the product, not the process that is featured in this tale. It's about the "bread connection," the ways that bread tells stories, builds relationships, and feeds our bodies and souls.

I suspect I inherited my passion for bread baking from my dad. Back when it wasn't especially fashionable for ordinary dads to bake and cook, this United States Air Force sergeant would begin Saturdays making homemade waffles for his brood of five and then move into a morning of baking sheets of chocolate chip cookies, loaves of crusty bread, and finishing with a vat of meatballs and sauce. All this would be accomplished while wearing his GI issue fatigue pants and a pristine white undershirt and would be completed in time for the Saturday afternoon football games when the parish priests would join him in front of our television for the aforementioned meatballs with a nice bottle of scotch, but that is another story.



JOY HUNTER

Dad used his six-foot brawn to knead the dough by hand and he trusted only the bread pans handed down by his own mother, but I take a more pragmatic approach. When the first bread machines came on the market in 1986, thanks to Panasonic, I was dazzled. I had to have one and paid dearly for the treasure. It was cumbersome and loud and made an oddly shaped canister loaf that was prone to be soggy and saggy at times, but I was hooked.

I've owned at least seven different versions over the past 40 years. Each one was an improvement and, oddly, less expensive than its predecessors. Most of these machines met a messy end, burning up or simply giving up from pure exhaustion. During the holidays, I bake continuously, three or four loaves a day for seasonal gift giving. At one point, friends were giving me their discarded machines, claiming that they never used them. Insanity! Who can resist the allure of this creative machine?

At my home church, St. Paul's Anglican in Summerville, my mini loaves of Irish Soda Bread, Beer-Bagel Bread, Cinnamon-Walnut Bread, and the edgy new "Hippie Bread," with parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme like the old ballad, are in high demand at the annual Tea Room gift shop.

So, I bake bread almost daily and I almost never keep it for myself. True. I bake bread to share and to show that I care. I bake bread because I love the cozy, comforting smells. I bake bread to watch it rise up and turn golden. I bake bread

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Church of the Holy Spirit Mission Team Builds Home in Honduras

By Amanda Jenkins, Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island



MELYNDA TOTH

Perhaps the most meaningful project the team collaborated on was the "House in a Day," in which they were able to build a home for a single mother.

During this past summer, while many ventured to cooler climes to beat the heat, Daniel Island's Church of the Holy Spirit embraced the sweltering temps by sending two teams to Honduras as part of their missions ministry. Teams of 16 and 10, respectively, partnered with the LAMB Institute to serve the local community, lead worship, and complete two "House in a Day" construction projects.

The first team spent the last week in June in Tegucigalpa, where they served with the LAMB Institute at Casa Lamb, a children's home in the mountains just outside the city. Each day was filled with impactful projects from farm work to fence repairing, as well as seeing firsthand the various ministries that LAMB provides. The institute proves to be a light in the community by offering a large new daycare, inner city and bilingual schools for over 550 students combined, a Youth In Action program, and their Children's Home for more than 60 children.

The Holy Spirit team gathered each night for a time of worship and devotion, reflecting on the fruits of their mission work. Perhaps the most meaningful project the team collaborated on was the "House in a Day," in which they were able to build a home for a single mother. Working as a local policewoman, she had spent years saving to buy a plot of land. The team was able to help realize her dream by constructing a home for her family on the plot she had worked so hard for.

As life-changing as it was for the family, the mission team walked away changed, too. "While on this project, we discovered that building a house wasn't just about walls and a roof, it was about reminding a family they are seen, loved, and never forgotten," explains trip leader Melynda Toth. "We arrived thinking we were going to build a house. We left realizing God was building us."

The second team left for Honduras on July 10. Along with painting murals at the school in Flor and the Children's Home, they, too, completed a "House in a Day" for a family of four. In a progress update, Junior Warden Carl Wist wrote: "Lety (LAMB Volunteer Coordinator) said the area of La Cantera we were in is known as "the hole." I've never experienced a place like this before. The paved road became a gravel road as we drove down the hill. The road ended well short of the location where we were to build the house so we walked up and across a narrow path." Despite the challenging landscape, the team were able to build a home for a grandmother, her daughter, and two grandsons–both of whom helped complete the project.

As much as the teams were able to give, they received back even more. Reflecting on the trip during a Sunday service, Wist told the Daniel Island congregation: "Seeing how God used us to help these families in a real way, feels like we come away with more than we put in."

The Honduras mission trips were made possible through the generosity of the congregation and local supporters including Christian Brothers Automotive in Goose Creek, Averill Law Firm, Guri Sandu, and Skip Howe.

For Church of the Holy Spirit, these trips not only align with the church's broader mission to know the love of Jesus and to make His love known, they reflect its vision of seeing a community—locally and globally—transformed by His love, living life abundantly. To learn more about the church and its missions ministry, visit holyspiritdi.org.

International Mission Engagement

By The Rev. Canon Bob Lawrence, Canon for Global Missions

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina has long enjoyed fruitful international relationships within the wider Anglican Church throughout the world. The recent release of the mission-related data from the Provincial offices of the ACNA, as reported in the 2025 parochial reports of our parishes, confirms this continuing truth.

As the Canon for Global Missions, I work with the clergy and lay representatives of our diocesan committee for Anglican Missional Partnerships to share and promote mission engagement within all our congregations. To that end, in response to the call for every diocese within the ACNA to have an international missional partnership, the committee recommended to the Bishop and Diocesan Council back in 2024 to designate the Province of Alexandria as our official relationship partner. This recommendation was eagerly approved based on a long-standing relationship already fostered and nurtured over many years as reported in past articles in the Jubilate Deo.

> If your church is not intentionally praying for a missionary, parish, diocese or province in the wider Anglican world, why not begin today? Pray for one of our sponsored missionaries or for our companion relationship with the Province of Alexandria.

Out of this present relationship, the Diocese of Egypt's Medical Sector invited us, earlier this year, to share in raising funds for the purchase of a CT Scan unit for Harpur Memorial Hospital in Sadat City, Egypt. In sharing this need and opportunity our diocese raised $50,000 toward the costs of this much-needed medical equipment. In response to receiving these funds, the Archbishop of Alexandria, the Most Reverend Samy Shehata wrote, "I am touched by the generosity it represents, and grateful to all who have given so faithfully. Please pass on my warm thanks to all who have given."

In addition to this assistance given to support the medical ministry in the Diocese of Egypt, the Diocese of Gambella in Ethiopia and the Diocese of North Africa enjoy ongoing missional relationships among several of our parishes. All these dioceses comprise what is the Anglican Province of Alexandria where five of our congregations report ongoing missional relationships. Other parishes not yet engaged in a missional relationship are encouraged to consider this opportunity.

Overall, the mission data for 2025 indicates that 34 of our parishes report missional relationships within the wider Anglican Church. All other parishes report no involvement, and regretfully that is a continuing statistic over multiple years of mission data reporting. Among the 34 parishes reporting missional relationships, they extend to 50 different countries with the Church of Cross, Bluffton topping the list with engagement in 17 different countries.

Kenya is the most engaged among our parishes, with 13 reporting missional relationships there. Cambodia is the second most engaged with seven parishes reporting missional relationships, primarily in their support of our diocesan sponsored missionaries, Anthony and Anna Pelloni. Mexico, where our sponsored missionaries Roger and Joanne Griffin serve, and Honduras are countries where six parishes report missional relationships. The other countries or Anglican Provinces with engagement with five or more of our parishes include the Province of Alexandria, Burundi, South Sudan, Haiti, Dominican Republic, Uganda, and Peru.

Incredible ministry is being accomplished as parishes reach beyond their walls and communities to engage, support, and encourage our Anglican brothers and sisters throughout the world. A new area where the Holy Spirit is stirring to create an Anglican presence among a growing Christian community is the nation of Mongolia. A young lay evangelist working with Youth with a Mission was among the fellows of the Anglican Leadership Institute hosted by the diocese in September 2023. Now, three years later he feels led to plant an intentional Anglican presence and church with the support, encouragement and assistance already received through the opportunity of a missional relationship with our diocese.

There is no reason that the mission data reported for 2026 cannot indicate that every parish of our diocese has a missional relationship. All that is required is an intentional mutual commitment to pray as a parish for a missionary, parish, diocese, or province of the wider Anglican world. As a starting place, I covet your prayers for any one or all of our diocesan sponsored missionaries, or for our companion relationship Province of Alexandria or any one of its dioceses. For more information, please reach me at blawrence@adosc.org.

Diocese to Hold 200th Cursillo

Celebrating Fruit that Lasts

DeColores! There is something especially meaningful about reaching Cursillo #200. Two hundred weekends represent far more than a number. They represent countless prayers, acts of service, friendships, moments of grace, and lives touched by Christ's love. As we prepare for this historic weekend, we pause with grateful hearts to celebrate what God has done and look with joyful expectation toward what He will continue to do.



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We give thanks for those who have served before us, those who continue to serve today, and those who will carry this ministry forward into the future.

Cursillo #200 will be held February 25–28, 2027, at the Church of the Cross in Bluffton, South Carolina, where candidates and team members will gather for a special weekend of prayer, fellowship, worship, and renewal. Ellen Walsh, Lay Rector for Cursillo #200, has prayerfully chosen the theme "Fruit That Will Last," rooted in John 15:16:

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last…" — John 15:16 (NIV)

These words remind us that Cursillo is not simply about one weekend. Christ calls and appoints each of us to go forth and bear fruit—to live out our faith through love, service, friendship, prayer, and encouragement. The fruit of those efforts often continues long after the weekend ends, reaching into families, churches, communities, and generations.

Cursillo #200 gives us a beautiful opportunity to celebrate that lasting fruit. We give thanks for those who have served before us, those who continue to serve today, and those who will carry this ministry forward into the future. Every prayer offered, every friendship formed, every act of service, and every life encouraged is part of the fruit God continues to grow.

As we prepare for Cursillo #200, we invite the entire Fourth Day community to surround this weekend in prayer. Pray for Ellen and the team, each candidate, the Church of the Cross community, and everyone who will play a part in this special weekend. Pray that hearts will be open, faith will be renewed, and the Holy Spirit will guide every moment.

Most of all, may we remember that we are not simply celebrating what has been. We are celebrating what God is still growing.

Two hundred Cursillos. Countless lives touched. Fruit that will last.

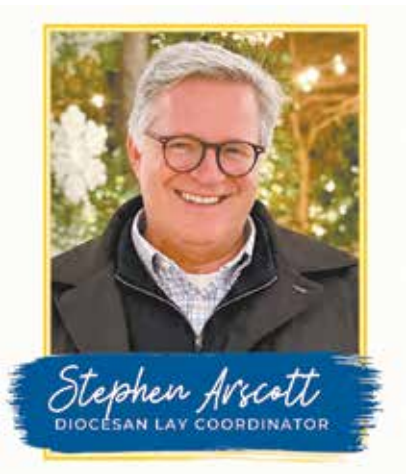
May Cursillo #200 be a joyful celebration of God's faithfulness and a reminder of our calling to go forth, bear fruit, and let the love and light of Christ shine through us. For more information about Cursillo, or reach out to your Regional Ultreya Rector, visit SCAnglicanFourthDay-Cursillo.com.

DeColores!

New Leadership for Diocesan Cursillo Ministry

By Ellen Walsh, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

With grateful hearts and great excitement, the SC Anglican Fourth Day Cursillo community recently welcomed Stephen Arscott as our new Diocesan Lay Coordinator (DLC).



Stephen's Cursillo journey began at Cursillo 170 in the summer of 2013, when he attended alongside his wife, Melissa. Since then, Cursillo has continued to be an important part of their lives and their walk with Christ.

Over the years, Stephen has served in numerous roles on Cursillo teams and committees, including serving as Ultreya Rector for Santee and, most recently, leading Cursillo 191. His years of service have given him a deep appreciation for the people, community, and ministry that make Cursillo so special.

"I'm excited to tackle the role of DLC and so thankful for the work of Jim Huntley these past few years," said Arscott. "I was 'running' from this role as I was sure that I was called, but the timing wasn't right. But in a moment of quiet with the Lord, He reminded me that He always equips those He calls."

Jim Huntley, who has served as DLC for the past three years and is passing the baton to Stephen, said, "It has been an incredible privilege and blessing to serve as Diocesan Lay Coordinator. I am excited to see Stephen take on this role. He loves Cursillo. He understands the importance of our Fourth Day community, and he has a genuine heart for serving others. I have every confidence Stephen will lead with faith, humility, and love. I look forward to supporting him and watching all that God will do through him."

The Rev. Bill Oldland, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Hartsville, who serves as the Bishop's Representative for our Diocesan Cursillo Fourth Day, added, "I am very grateful that Stephen has answered God's call to serve as our new Diocesan Lay Coordinator. Stephen has a long history of faithful service within Cursillo, and his love for Christ and for this community is evident in all that he does. I have no doubt God will equip Stephen for the work ahead, just as He promised."

Stephen is looking forward to what lies ahead. "I'm looking forward to working with Bishop Chip, Fr. Bill, and the entire Secretariat to accomplish HIS will for Cursillo in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina," he said. "May it all be to HIS glory!"

We are thankful that Stephen has answered that call and look forward to the gifts, energy, and faith he will bring to this ministry. He will not walk this journey alone, but will be surrounded by a Cursillo community committed to prayer, service, and bringing Christ's love into the world.

Stephen and Melissa have three adult children: Mary Kennon and her husband, John; Fletcher; and Elliott. They worship at Holy Comforter in Sumter.

And in a wonderful full-circle Cursillo connection, Stephen's current priest, the Rev. David Booman, was his roommate at Cursillo 170!

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belief that God uses mission trips to bless and comfort us even as we seek to do the same for others. No skill required!"

As the team departed for the airport, the children gathered to perform a farewell song that left everyone teary-eyed. In less than a week, the Holy Spirit proved once again that distance and culture are no match for the unifying love of Christ. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters at St. Paul's as these shared seeds continue to grow!

Why Do We Say the Apostles' Creed at Baptism?

By The Rev. Corey Prescott, St. John's Church, Florence

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GINNIE RAINES

"I find something deeply reassuring about our continuity with the church's ancient practices," said Corey. "Every time we confess the Apostles' Creed at a baptism, we are participating in a pattern of Christian worship that reaches back to the earliest ages of the church."

You may have noticed that we confess the Apostles' Creed on baptism Sundays, but do you know why? It isn't simply an Anglican custom, but instead a practice with deep roots in the life of the early Church.

From the earliest centuries, those preparing for baptism spent months, and often years, learning the Christian faith. As their baptism approached, they were taught a concise summary of the gospel that they committed to memory. On the day of their baptism, a church leader asked them a series of questions about their faith, and they responded publicly before the gathered Church. Those baptismal questions eventually took the form of what we now know as the Apostles' Creed.

The earliest version of this baptismal confession, known as the Old Roman Creed, was already in use by the middle of the second century and bears a remarkable similarity to the Apostle's Creed we know today. Over the next several centuries its wording was further refined and its usage became universalized, while its purpose remained remarkably constant: it was the Church's public confession of the faith into which Christians were being baptized.

Even the structure of the Creed, unchanged from its original form, reflects its baptismal purpose. It follows Jesus' command to baptize *"in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"* (Matthew 28:19). It first confesses the Father, the Creator of all things; then the Son and his saving life, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return; and finally the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the Church. In just a few sentences, it tells the whole story of God's saving work. It is still widely regarded as the most concise and comprehensive summary of the Christian faith.

Our own practice today is remarkably similar to that of the early church. At every baptism, the Creed is confessed responsively. Questions are asked by the minister, and the gathered congregation answers together. Whether the person being baptized is an adult making that confession personally or a young child whose parents and sponsors speak on his or her behalf, the whole Church joins in confessing the same faith. We are declaring that baptism is not into a private spirituality or an individual opinion, but into the same apostolic faith confessed by Christ's church through the centuries.

The Creed also served another important purpose in the early Church. It helped guard new Christians against false teaching by clearly proclaiming what Scripture teaches. It affirms that God truly created heaven and earth, that Jesus truly became man, truly suffered, truly died, truly rose again, and that we await the resurrection of the body.

This is why it is called the Apostle's Creed: because it confesses the Apostle's faith in keeping with their teaching as recorded in the New Testament. Not because it was directly authored by the apostles as legend has it (and the name implies)! It is not a replacement for Scripture, nor does it add to Scripture. Rather, it faithfully summarizes the gospel message of all Scripture that the Apostles taught.

I find something deeply reassuring about our continuity with the church's ancient practices. Every time we confess the Apostles' Creed at a baptism, we are participating in a pattern of Christian worship that reaches back to the earliest ages of the church. The words have been carefully preserved so they may continue to express the unchanging faith once delivered to the saints.

When we answer together, "I believe," we join our voices with generations of Christians before us. We welcome another soul into that same faith, and we remind ourselves that the gospel we confess today is the very gospel that has been handed down, believed, and proclaimed from the earliest days of the Church.

Kenya Welcomes GrandCamp

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testimonies, and family devotions as their hearts opened to their biblical role. While Kenyan grandparents have always served as primary caregivers and cultural leaders, this ministry leverages traditional respect for elders into an intentional, spiritual legacy."

As the team returned to South Carolina, the seeds sown in obedience will continue to take root across East Africa, promising a harvest of faith for generations to come.

Wendell Berry Followed Jesus

By The Rev. Jason Varnadore, St. David's Anglican Church, Cheraw



UNSPLASH/THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART

Years ago, back during my seminary days, my wife, Jenna, and I traveled to Port Royal, KY, to meet Wendell Berry at an event the Berry Center was hosting. The moment finally came for us to get in the book-signing line and meet the man himself. (I had ordered a first printing of *Jayber Crow* for just this moment!) My Old Testament professor, Paul House, was a friend of the Berrys and had met us there. When our turn came, Berry looked up and saw that we were with his friend Paul. He laughed and then warned us: "Be careful who you entrust your soul to." I treasure this memory not only because it is the only time our lives intersected but also because it encapsulates the man himself. He laughs and he warns.

Berry is known for his agrarian writings. He was a novelist, essayist, poet and farmer. And his subject was the land under his feet and the people who inhabit it. His novels and short stories chronicle the fictional farm town of Port William, KY, as it experiences the pains of industrialization and the joys of community. His poems came mainly from his Sabbath walks in the woods. And his essays span every topic from sustainable forestry to horse-drawn (farming) tools to higher education, God, war, and Shakespeare. He was a faithful husband to Tanya Berry who partnered with him in his writing for nearly 70 years. He died in August at the age of 92.

Berry was a critic of our industrialized world. He believed industrialization takes more than it gives. He believed that people can only flourish if all creation and all living things flourish together. And the only way we can know if we are causing damage to the world is if we are connected to our work. Pushing numbers behind a computer in a far-off place enables us to turn a blind eye toward the damage we do in the real world, God's world. The Earth is exhausted by our irresponsible work. *"For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now"* (Rom. 8:22). To make matters worse, in order to secure our excessive wealth in the name of national security, we Americans have relied on militarism to defend our consumerism. The two always go together. We've become the tower of Babel. Berry writes, "It is easy for me to imagine that the next great division of the world will be between people who wish to live as creatures and people who wish to live as machines."

But for all his warning and criticism of industrialism and the rootlessness it has caused, Berry refused the poison of bitterness. He was a man of joy and laughter. Life is a miracle, full of infinite beauty and wonder, no matter how fallen our circumstances. And so, as an alternative to our wasteful and violent and rootless society, Berry spent his life advocating for the ways of Jesus – simplicity, peacemaking and faithfulness; limits, hospitality and rootedness; generosity, forbearance and neighborliness. Keep your feet on the ground and your eyes on others. We spend too much time trying to solve the big problems of our day with big solutions. Berry called us to think little and think local; good work happens from the margins. Every little thing in life is a gift from God. So, love the people and place that God has given you, no prestige or position necessary.

Not everyone has a family farm to return to. Not everyone has the money to buy land. Not everyone has a place filled with cousins down the street. Not everyone has a place to call home. That is the story of *Jayber Crow*, the barber of Port William who returns to the town with few connections, no money and no family. It is also the first book I read by Berry and the reason I moved back to South Carolina. Jenna and I had moved to Dallas, Texas, after we graduated college. I was struggling with my faith and vocation at the time, feeling lost in the world. We had just started attending an Anglican church and a few friends thought I would like Wendell Berry, the prophet from the wilderness. Late one night, around 2:00 a.m., I was washing the dishes and listening to the audio recording of *Jayber Crow*. Never before had I experienced anything like a rev-

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Holy Order: A New Podcast for Faithful Christian Living

How do we live faithfully in a disordered world?

That's the question explored in Holy Order, a new podcast hosted by the Very Rev. Dr. Bryan Hollon, Dean and President of Trinity Anglican Seminary, and Cooper Nye, Trinity's Director of Executive & Academic Communications. Each episode draws on Scripture and the Anglican tradition to offer thoughtful conversations on theology, culture, history, and the Christian life.



Rather than simply discussing current events, Holy Order seeks to help listeners move from confusion toward clarity by connecting the enduring wisdom of the Christian faith with the questions Christians face today. The inaugural episode, released September 9, explored the meaning of Holy Order, showing how our lives are ultimately shaped by what we love. The next episodes turned to C.S. Lewis's *The Abolition of Man*, with future conversations featuring church leaders and scholars.

New episodes release every other week on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, YouTube, and other major platforms.

Whether you're a member of the clergy, a lay leader, or simply seeking a deeper, more rooted faith, we invite you to join the conversation. *Listen and subscribe at https://tas.edu/podcast.*

Bread Machine

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because in the midst of this crazy world, it is a constant and a comfort.

Each evening, after I wash up the dinner things, I "set up" my loaf for the next day. I tend to bake in themes. For example, during March, I do an Irish Soda Bread, but give it a twist using dried cranberries instead of raisins, if I'm feeling a little wild. Autumn breads are often filled with dates or pumpkin seeds. For summer, I like sunflower seeds and flax. In winter, when soups are simmering, I lean toward the herbal loaves, replete with garlic, rosemary, and thyme. After the Super Bowl each year, my friends who buy a good bit of beer and don't drink it up pass it on to me, because I'll reward them with a savory beer bread made with poppy seeds and dried onion.

Who are the recipients of these loaves? Anyone in my sphere of influence who needs a lift will get a loaf. Surgery or laid up with an injury? Look for a loaf on your porch. New baby? Bread and a baby book will be delivered shortly. I have had friends undergoing chemo treatments who swear that my hearty loaves were the only thing that tasted good for days at a time, so I kept the loaves coming.

I don't make a big deal out of the delivery. I tend to drop off in secret, leaving wrapped loaves in mailboxes or hanging on door handles out front, or with the receptionist at your school or workplace, or on a rocking chair on the porch. I have a distinctive label that says "Bread from Linda Bone. John 6:35." If you're not familiar with the scripture, it refers to the words of Jesus saying *"I am the bread of life."* One need not be a believer of any kind to appreciate the sentiment nor to receive a loaf of my bread. But, the message is clear and I especially enjoy praying over and delivering the loaves to those who seem a bit lost in the spiritual shuffle.

Since bread baking began over 8000 years ago, it has been the preferred human food. Portable, cheap, and filling, bread keeps us going. Interestingly, soft white breads were preferred by the wealthy for a long time, leaving dark, coarse breads for the poor. Now, it is different. Does artisanal ring a bell? The more dense and dark and filled with earthy goodness now, the better we like it.

However, not everyone appreciates my bread deliveries. At several points, my foil wrapped loaves made me a target for airport security. You see, when I travel to give a speech or do teacher training, I'll sometimes make a special loaf for the school leader who invited me and when TSA pulls the heavy, silvery wrapped loaf out of my tote bag…well it can get messy. A few years ago, they x-rayed it and me several times and made me take my hair down from the bun and shake it out. I guess this 67-year-old professor who weighs all of 110 pounds looks kind of scary?

There are many more "Bread Connection" stories. Some are funny, like the time I made a blueberry bread and somehow baked a spoon into it. My neighbors Vic and Carol love to tell that story. Others are more poignant. When I make a "bread basket" with a loaf, jam, and coffee to leave with a grieving family and they tell me it was just the thing to have as the family sat around talking the morning before a loved one's funeral, I know I'm where God wants me and my bread to be.

Baking bread is a creative outlet for someone like me who lives in her head much of the time, teaching, and writing, speaking, and doing media. It is a way to look inward and to connect with the earth, with grains, with seeds, with yeast and a way to look outward, to connect with those who are celebrating, grieving, or trying to survive. Maybe I'll see you soon, at church or the grocery store, or at a speaking engagement and you'll tell me a story or just look me in the eye in a certain way, and I'll know. So, don't be surprised when you go out to get the mail and find a loaf of flax seed bread with a bit of chopped dates and walnuts. It's that time of year and you're my "bread connection" for today.

Keeping Marriages Strong

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in Christ while learning practical tools for handling conflict in light of everyday struggles," they shared.

Even those with decades of marital experience found fresh insights. Bucky and Angela Jones, who have been married for 55 years, spoke highly of the curriculum's unique approach. "We have attended marriage weekend seminars as well as marriage counseling and countless Bible studies," the couple noted. "While these were character-transforming, none were quite so insightful on how to actually communicate with your spouse as this course of study just offered."

Fellow attendee Lisabella Ibarra, who attended with her husband Alex, reflected on the humbling and freeing nature of the gospel context taught during the nights. "Our biggest takeaway from the August Nights couples' study was the reminder that we are two imperfect sinners who love a perfect God and deeply love one another," Lisa said. "Marriage doesn't mean we will always understand each other, respond perfectly, or avoid the 'crazy cycle' moments that life and relationships can bring."

She added, "This study reminded us that our marriage is the strongest when we intentionally keep Christ at the center and as the foundation of our daily lives."

The success of "August Nights: Better Together" uncovered a clear appetite for continued marriage enrichment within the Summerville community. Due to the high engagement and positive transformations witnessed over the month, Fr. Korey confirmed that the church plans to build on this momentum, noting, "Next year we will do something similar."

Through intentional ministry, practical tools, and a firm reliance on the Gospel, St. Paul's Summerville is helping couples prove that they truly are better together.

Crossing Cultures Course

The Crossing Cultures course, sponsored by the Diocese and led by diocesan sponsored missionary Anne Schaffer, will be held as a six-week Wednesday night series at St. Michael's Church, Charleston in January and February. Stay tuned for exact dates and more info! Contact Anne at anneschaffer@sams-usa.org.

Camp Jubilee: More Than a Mountaintop

By Justin Johnson, Director, Camp Jubilee



JULIA DUBAY

We are blessed to worship a Lord who will meet with us on the mountain top but also descends the mountain to walk with us in our day-to-day lives. Above, students attending an Adventure Camp session begin a hike to the top of Black Balsam Knob.

Part of what makes summer camp so special is the combination of familiarity and tradition combined with its ability to disrupt the normal rhythms of life by placing campers in new situations and adventures. This summer our campers participated in familiar traditions such as our weekly ice cream social, overall Thursdays, and ending each evening worshiping together during compline. We also presented campers with new experiences from a safari and a crazy cart Jubilee 500, to increased opportunities for campers to serve while at camp. However, the most exciting new offering this summer was our first ever Adventure Week!

While Camp Jubilee has hosted sessions of camp in the mountains each of the last three summers, this year's mountain camp was taken to a whole new level. Adventure week was hosted at Camp Hannon in Sunset, SC. This was Jubilee's first-time utilizing Hannon as a host site, and it was a fantastic experience! From the stunning beauty of Abner Creek and the 50-foot-tall Pinnacle Falls to high adventure activities like rock climbing, axe throwing, and ziplining, our campers got to enjoy all that this new location had to offer. In addition to these onsite adventures, our campers also took two offsite excursions, tubing on the French Broad River and hiking to the top of Black Balsam Knob (6,214 ft elevation) to enjoy a picnic with 360 degrees of endless mountain views.

Through these experiences we invited campers to step out of their comfort zones to wrestle with their own limitations and gain a better perspective of the Lord and his character as they encountered the beauty and grandeur of His creation. Some campers at adventure week had never been to the mountains before. It was such a joy to witness them sitting on the top of Black Balsam in pure awe of God's glory. For many campers this was a pivotal experience which helped make real for them the power and beauty of the God we had been reading about in scripture.

As great as this literal mountain-top experience was, we also saw the Lord at work throughout the more subtle moments of camp this summer. Whether they attended adventure week in the mountains or one of our traditional sessions at Camp Kinard, I was encouraged to see the ways our campers sought to know the Lord and live into his Kingdom. There was a true spirit of curiosity among our campers this summer. Hardly a meal went by without a cabin asking the chaplain to sit at their table so they could ask more questions. Campers also displayed eyes and hearts for those on the margins; often identifying someone on the outside at the beginning of the week and making sure that they were seen, known, and celebrated throughout their time of camp.

We end every camp session by reminding our campers that they do not have to wait until next summer to experience Jesus. The same God they encountered at camp is just as real and present with them in their day-to-day lives back home. Since camp has wrapped up, I have continued to hear from campers, staff, and counselors about the ways they are continuing to pursue Jesus and seeking to make Him known in their schools. We are blessed to worship a Lord who will meet with us on the mountain top but also descends the mountain to walk with us in our day-to-day lives!

"Thin Places:" Camp Jubilee and St. John's, Florence

By Cole O'Keefe, St. John's, Florence

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It is with a joyful heart that I report that many staff members at Camp Jubilee came up to me this past summer and asked, "Where did all these Florence people come from?!"



JULIA DUBAY

I believe St. John's amazing representation at Camp Jubilee this summer was a testament to our church's desire to know and love God in new and fresh ways out of our general routine. Above, Mary Lawrence McEachin relaxes during Camp Jubilee games.

I've been able to respond by saying, "St. John's Church!" There wasn't a single session of Camp Jubilee where St. John's was not actively participating: sending campers, counselors, and a chaplain. Serving as Camp Jubilee's Assistant Director, I have been fortunate enough to bear witness to all those who sought rest, teaching, friendship, and the fun-filled moments summer camp has to offer.

I want to acknowledge Susan Campbell, Mary Chellis Ellington, and Pieter Murphy. They served as full-time Camp Jubilee staff and faithfully answered the call to disciple the youth of Christ's Church. They were an immense blessing to the Camp Jubilee community and were faithfully sent out, fully prepared and equipped, by St. John's. Just as Paul wrote to the Corinthians regarding the body of Christ and its many members with various gifts, Susan, Mary Chellis, and Pieter are gifted in such unique ways by God and are actively pursuing those gifts so the glory of God's Kingdom may be made known. Personally, I am thankful for their friendship and have come to know the character of Jesus more fully through their ministry!

Back at camp I often had to gently remind campers that God is eternally unchanging and everlasting. In short, God is the same at Camp Jubilee as He is in your local church, and His power and presence are fully made known in both, whether we have the eyes to see that or not.

Not only does our church recognize that, but I believe St. John's amazing representation at Camp Jubilee this summer was a testament to our church's desire to know and love God in new and fresh ways out of our general routine. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles were gathered in one home, and the Holy Spirit filled the entire house and the people in it. The Holy Spirit filled the place and the people. Today, it is important to identify that not only are we filled by the Holy Spirit, but there are also "thin places" that are filled by the Spirit. St. John's is certainly one of those places, and I am thankful that many of us have been able to experience the same at Camp Jubilee.

I witnessed the youth of our church encounter Jesus at Camp Jubilee, and some experienced that "light bulb" moment where everything just clicked. Praise be to God!

St. Michael's Celebrates 275th Anniversary

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solid foundation. For 275 years, St. Michael's Church has stood at the southeast corner of Meeting and Broad Streets. pointing beyond ourselves and anchoring the city to eternity.

Visitors see City Hall, the county and federal courthouses—and God's house. Every day, St. Michael's reminds Charleston of this foundation through our senses.

First, look at our 186-foot steeple, rising above the city. As the sun moves, its shadow crosses the Federal Courthouse, the County Courthouse, and City Hall—the places where our laws are written, interpreted, and enforced.

Now listen. Our eight bells ring every 15 minutes, day and night. They remind us that while we live by schedules, ultimately we live on God's time. For worship, weddings, and funerals, they proclaim: Come with joy, grief, questions, doubts, and celebrations. God's love is unconditional; God's presence is always here.

For 275 years, St. Michael's has proclaimed: love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Our doors are open every day. Court visitors arrive with victory or devastating loss; newcomers seek to understand Charleston; visitors from around the world experience this space. Whatever brings them, they find pew boxes that are more than antiques: emergency rooms for the soul, where Jesus heals the human heart every day, not only on Sunday.

That brings us to our 275th anniversary and $10 million capital campaign. If our steeple and bells have proclaimed God's love for 275 years, we want them strong enough for the next 275. The campaign will strengthen this campus, help build our Diocesan Camp, and secure our financial future. But this anniversary is about more than preserving a campus: it is preserving a mission, honoring our past, and moving boldly forward so everyone who enters experiences the living love of Jesus Christ.

That is why we are transforming our narthex, the church's entryway. Today, we unveil a faith and heritage tour, accessible by QR code, sharing stories embedded in these walls—including five St. Michaelites who helped found our nation by signing the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution. On December 6, we will unveil a plaque honoring them.

We also unveil a welcome video presenting St. Michael's as a thriving, living, Christ-centered church. Parishioners are preparing to become docents and ambassadors who do more than give tours: they will give care to people burdened by the courts, searching for a church home, or traveling through Charleston.

To understand St. Michael's today, look at this past Sunday: three worship services united by the same Gospel; children receiving First Communion; Sunday School, newcomers' and parenting classes; a burial in our churchyard; and our St. Francis Day blessing of the animals. Throughout the year, we gather for Alpha, Bible studies, home groups, retreats, healing prayer, and mission in and beyond Charleston.

That is St. Michael's today: history, tradition, and a building—but so much more. Our mission is not simply to preserve the past. It is to transform hearts through Jesus Christ in the present.

Many love St. Michael's without ever sitting in these pews on Sunday. They know what the steeple means above the city and what its bells proclaim. Some call St. Michael's America's "Big Ben." This anniversary year, we are establishing Friends of St. Michael's, inviting all who believe this place matters, our history is worth preserving, Charleston needs places that point beyond ourselves, and God's love still speaks powerfully to our city, nation, and world. Friends' gifts will help care for this campus.

So, one final time: Why is Charleston different from every other city? We are anchored to a solid foundation. Our best years may not be the 275 behind us, but the 275 ahead.



Sargent to be Ordained to the Priesthood

By the Grace of God and the Consent of the People, Bishop Chip Edgar, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, will ordain the Rev. Twig Sargent to the Sacred Order of Priests on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Helena's Anglican Church in Beaufort. A reception will follow. Clergy are asked to wear red stoles.

About Twig Sargent



A native of Lake Jackson, Texas, the Rev. Twig Sargent earned a Bachelor of Music from Texas Tech University, a Master of Music from the University of Minnesota, and an M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary. He came to our Diocese from the Presbyterian Church in America, where he served for 13 years as a Navy Chaplain.

Twig and his wife Joanna are members of St. Helena's in Beaufort. Bishop Chip Edgar ordained Twig Sargent to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday May 2, 2026 at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort. He serves on staff as Pastoral Associate for Men's Ministry, Pastoral Care, and Global and Local Missions.

Married for 27 years, Twig and Joanna have four children and a daughter-in-law.

Walters to be Ordained to the Priesthood

By the Grace of God and the Consent of the People, Bishop Chip Edgar, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, will ordain the Rev. Kurt Walters to the Sacred Order of Priests on Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at The Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island, South Carolina. A reception will follow. Clergy are asked to wear red stoles.

About Kurt Walters



Kurt Walters was raised in an Air Force family and grew up living in various parts of the United States. Before entering seminary, he spent over 15 years in sales management. He is married to Danielle,

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KELLY NEWNHAM

Camden Windham Ordained to the Priesthood

Bishop Chip Edgar ordained the Rev. Camden Windham to the priesthood on September 3, 2026 at St. Helena's Anglican Church in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Originally from Lexington, South Carolina, Camden moved to Beaufort in May of 2018. He was not raised in the Church but came to know Jesus in the summer of 2012 as part of a student ministry. Since coming to faith, the Church has been the place where he has planted his feet.

He graduated from Columbia International University in December of 2017 with a major in Bible and Youth Ministry. He continued his education at CIU by getting a Masters in Divinity in December of this past year. He has had educational training from Trinity School for Ministry and a Certificate in Anglican Studies from Nashotah House Theological Seminary.

He has served as the Director of Student Ministries at St. Helena's since moving to Beaufort. He has a deep passion for the next generation, especially with equipping the next flock of leadership within the Church. Camden is grateful that he "happily stumbled" into Anglicanism.

Camden and his wife, Kelly, who have been married for seven years, have one son, Flynn.

People News

The Rev. Peter Blundell recently accepted a call to serve as the Associate for Missions, Evangelism, and Pastoral Care at the Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter. Peter first confessed Jesus as Lord at Holy Trinity Brompton, London and oversaw the Alpha course at HTB. He was a part of the church planting team to St. Barnabas, West Kensington in the UK in 1985 and served as their Curate and Associate Minister. In 1997 he was the Alpha Chaplain for Sub-Sahara Africa. In 1999 he served as the Associate Minister at The Good Shepherd, Romford, UK. From 2004 until his retirement in 2021, he was the Rector at St. John the Baptist, Richmond Hill, Canada. He has degrees in both Business Studies and Pastoral & Theological Studies. Peter is married to Margaret, and they have two daughters.

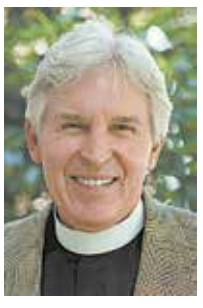


Harper Cambron recently joined the Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island as their first Associate Director for Choral Music. Harper will recruit choral singers and develop an adult and children's choir. A Summerville native, Harper received her degree in music with a concentration in vocal performance at the College of Charleston in 2020. After graduation she became the Director of Worship at Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island, and has been directing various children's and adult choirs throughout the Lowcountry. When Harper isn't teaching, she loves being in her coffee truck "Flower Power Coffee," and spending time with her husband, Taylor.



The Rev. Wey Camp, who has served as the rector of Trinity Church, Edisto for the past 35 years, has announced his plan to retire at the end of the year. In a "snail mail" letter sent to his parishioners he wrote, "Jesus has loved me and my family, long and hard for 35 years through Trinity Church, Edisto Island… through hard times and good times. Training me with love as a young Rector and patient with me as an old Rector...Lots of stories to tell, and some not to tell. Ha!... Bishop Lawrence gave me the Godly counsel to 'retire to' something, not 'from' something. Therefore, I am in conversation with Bishop Edgar about a part-time position in the diocese which will also give me the freedom to travel more with my "Adventure Girl" (my wife Anne)!" See story on Pg. 16.





The Rev. Bill Christian recently announced he will retire from the position of Assistant for Pastoral Care at St. Philip's Church, Charleston effective November 1. In a note to the congregation Bill wrote, "When Jeff (St. Philip's Rector) asked me to serve with him six years ago, I told him that I wanted to "finish well." As I prepare to retire, I am ever grateful that God has graciously allowed me to do just that here at St. Philip's…Forty-eight years ago, on June 18, 1978, I was ordained as a Lutheran pastor in Denver, CO. This November 1st will mark the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. The Rev. Jeff Miller adds, "Bill has given himself quietly and generously to the care of God's people. He has been diligent in visiting our sick and shut-ins, has made almost all of our hospital visits, and has borne a tremendous share of the ministry of our funerals. Through all of this, he has embodied something at the very heart of pastoral ministry: no one has been forgotten, and no one has been forsaken."



Parker Clemens has joined the staff of St. Helena's, Beaufort as their Director of Communications and Engagement. Originally from California, Parker graduated with a degree in environmental science from the University of Denver before moving to Washington, D.C., where he spent 15 years in marketing and communications for consulting firms, and eight years leading a youth Bible study for the local immigrant community. After attending a service at St. Helena's during a visit to Beaufort, Parker and his wife, Justine, felt called to relocate their family to the Lowcountry. He and his wife welcomed their third child last fall and are continually grateful for God's goodness in this new season of life and the way God is moving in the community.



The Rev. Rags Coxe, who had served as the rector of St. Matthew's, Darlington for the last six and a half years, retired on May 24, Pentecost. Rags and his wife, Suiter, have moved to Georgetown, where they are closer to, and can spend more time with, their children and five grandchildren (ages 5,5,3,2 and 1). "We want to be intentional grandparents," he said, "be available and part of their lives." He is not hanging up his clericals, though, and after a period of sabbatical and discernment, will be open to serving in the coastal area. He and Suiter are currently worshipping at Prince George Winyah. To kick off his retirement, Rags accepted a two-week invitation to be a guest preacher in Abaco, Bahamas in November.



The Rev. Mary Ellen Doran, who had served as the Rector of Trinity, Pinopolis for the past four years, stepped down from that position and moved, with her husband, Keith, to Greenville. In a note to the congregation, she wrote, "Over the past few months, Keith and I have been praying and seeking guidance from the Lord as to our next steps. I have been reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1, *'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.'* … Rather than retiring, Mary Ellen is "taking some time to be quiet, and to wait upon the Lord for the next ministry he has for her."



Please keep the family and loved ones of Beth Edgar, wife of Bishop Chip Edgar in your prayers. Beth's brother, Eric Marcinko passed away July 19 following ongoing health issues that worsened over time. The service was held on August 2.



Please keep the family and loved ones of Bishop Chip Edgar in your prayers. Bishop Edgar's uncle Bo (William Parish Chilton) died on July 25. A memorial service was held August 29. An ordained Episcopal priest with an active ministry, Bo maintained a lifelong commitment to social justice, Christian responsibility, and concern for the least among us.

Georgette Forney, who has been serving with Anglicans for Life since 1998, recently announced her decision to retire as their Executive Director. Reflecting on the nearly three decades of service, Forney said, "I have loved this work. It has been an extraordinary privilege these past 28 years to lead Anglicans For Life. Serving the Lord for Life in this capacity has shaped me in profound ways: my faith has been strengthened, my knowledge of the Scriptures has deepened, and my understanding of God's calling on His people and His Church has grown. Most of all, I have been blessed to meet and get to know so many people throughout the United States who recognize the importance of the Church upholding the dignity of life as foundational to our faith."



The Rev. Joe Gasbarre was called to serve as Associate Rector of St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island beginning this past July. Joe most recently came from Savannah, GA where he had served as assisting clergy at Christ Church, Savannah, as well as a full-time teacher of theology and English literature at Habersham Classical Christian School. A native of Buffalo, NY, Joe has served churches in Savannah, Ohio, and Pennsylvania. Joe is married to Alyssa and they have two children, Joey (11) and Charlie (8), and a corgi named Copper.





CAROLINE GRAHAM

Thad Bullock Ordained to the Priesthood

Bishop Chip Edgar ordained the Rev. Thaddeus Bullock to the priesthood on September 15, 2026 at The Parish Church at Habersham in Beaufort, South Carolina.

Thad recently received his MDiv from Columbia International University. Before answering the call to full-time ministry, he received his undergraduate degree in English from Catawba College, and he has had a 20 plus year career in the premium appliance industry. He is serving at the Parish Church at Habersham.

He and his wife Minnie have two married children Thaddeus and Seth. Thad enjoys hiking, playing golf and reading during his time off.

Death of The Rev. Dr. William P. Rhett, Jr.

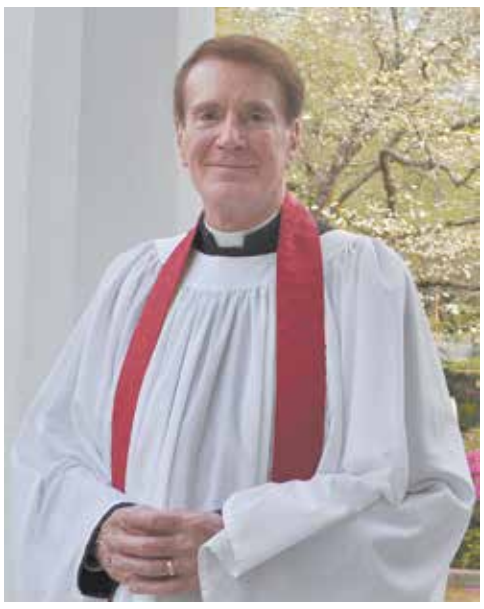
August 4, 1931 — September 11, 2026

Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Rhett in your prayers. Bill died on Friday, September 11, 2026 after a brief illness.

He served as rector of Christ-St. Paul's Church, Hollywood, as Assistant Rector at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, assisted at St. Philip's Church, Charleston for over 30 years, and conducted worship services throughout the Diocese when needed.

He was the Psychological Examiner and Member of the Commission on Ministry for the Diocese for 27 years. Licensed by the state of South Carolina as a psychologist, he offered psychological and theological counsel in his private practice.

When Bill retired in 2014, Bishop Mark Lawrence honored him during the diocesan convention. In a letter to Dr. Rhett, Bishop Lawrence, noted "Your pastoral insights, keen analytical and evaluative skills, as well as theological and sacramental depth have made a marked contribution to the Commission on Ministry's work of discernment for aspirants and candidates through the years. You have also been of utmost help for me during these five and a half years I have served as Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina… You have repeatedly demonstrated a remarkable readiness to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, his Church and his people (and may I add for me as bishop of this diocese) going the second mile on numerous occasions ... Truly our Lord's words "*…as you have done it to the least of these my brethren you have done it unto me*" may be said of you and your ministry…we have been blessed by your ministry as priest, psychologist and teacher."



JOY HUNTER

A funeral service, followed by a graveside burial in the Churchyard, was held at St. Philip's Church in Charleston on September 23. A reception was held at the Carolina Yacht Club.



Carla Gray has joined the staff of St. Michael's Church, Charleston as a full-time Administrative Assistant. Carla recently moved to Charleston from South Africa to be near her daughter, who is beginning her freshman year at the College of Charleston. Carla's husband and son will remain in South Africa for the next year as they finish work at the Embassy (husband) and in the PGA program (son). Raised in the church, Carla was active in children's and youth ministries. She participated in discipleship and mission trips, and developed a deep love for serving the Lord and His people. In addition to her position at St. Michael's, Carla will serve as an online teaching assistant for UPenn's 15-week Modern Poetry Symposium this fall. She enjoys writing poetry on Substack.

The Rev. Mike Lumpkin, who has served as the Senior Associate at Prince George Winyah in Georgetown recently retired from that position. In the parish newsletter, the Rev. Gary Beson, Rector, said, "The word that comes to my mind when I think about the last five years of service to our Lord at PGW alongside my friend and mentor, the Rev. Michael Lumpkin, is GRATITUDE. Mike said, "Throughout my life I have often been made aware or have experienced that 'all good things come to an end.' This is certainly the case for me (and us) now. Living in Georgetown and serving at PGW has been a great privilege and especially a joy! Thank you for welcoming Ellen and me into the PGW sheepfold with outstretched arms upon our return in 2021 to a permanent home rather than merely as interim." During his ministry, prior to coming to PGW, Mike served, for 19 years as the Rector of St. Paul's, Summerville and for 10 years as the Rector of St. Christopher's Church in Spartanburg.



The Sisters in Christ chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross at Christ the King Anglican Church in Pawleys Island welcomed a new member, Sally Murray, to their rank on Pentecost Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Roger Revell, rector of Christ the King Anglican, who is also the chapter chaplain, presided over the service. Lisa Knight, President, presented Sally with her DHC cross. Sally joins the inaugural group of six daughters. Their chapter began in May of 2025.



The Rev. Tom Hample has been called to serve as Interim Rector of Trinity, Pinopolis. He most recently served as Interim Rector of Incarnation Anglican Church in Williamsburg, Virginia and previously as Associate Rector at Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island. Tom's ministry has included parish leadership, chaplaincy, worship ministry, and outreach. He previously served as corporate chaplain for ALG Senior Living and spent nine years on staff at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. He also founded Bridge Church, an ecumenical street ministry in downtown Charleston that provides a place to worship, meals, and pastoral care to people experiencing homelessness and others in need. Tom is married to Kelli, Director of Development for the Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF), where she oversees fundraising. They have three adult children.



Please continue to pray for the Rev. Jason Hamshaw, rector of All Saints', Florence. His family recently shared that testing showed progression of the cancer in his lungs, though they are grateful that MRI scans showed no evidence of cancer elsewhere. Fr. Jason will undergo targeted radiation treatment to the lung lesions. Please pray for effective treatment, wisdom for his medical team, and grace for Jason and his family as they continue to trust the Lord in the days ahead.





Mary Lillian Leigh has joined Camp Jubilee's staff as their new Administrative Assistant. Mary Lillian recently graduated from Ole Miss and has served as a member of Camp Jubilee's summer staff each of the last four summers. In a social media post, Camp Jubilee's staff wrote, "We are excited for Mary Lillian to continue to serve at camp as she steps into this new role!"

The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, who has served as our Diocesan Canon to the Ordinary for the past 17 years, began a sabbatical on September 1. Unfortunately, two weeks in, while in Africa, Jim fell and shattered his right wrist. He flew back to the United States for surgery. Given the situation, Jim changed his sabbatical to medical leave and plans to come back to the office when the doctor allows him to work again. His sabbatical will be rescheduled for 2027.





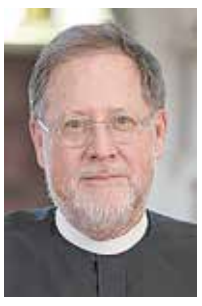
Leila Mann recently joined the staff of All Saints', Florence. In addition to ministering alongside the music team as a violinist, she will assist with children's ministry, help welcome new families, and provide administrative support for a variety of parish ministries and events.

Congratulations to the Rev. Canon Hunter Myers and his wife, Karina on the birth of their second son, Edmund James Myers. Edmund was born in late August. Mom and baby



are both healthy and his big brother Anthony is thrilled. The Myers cherish your prayers. Hunter serves as our diocesan Canon for Student Ministries and is also the Canon for Discipleship at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston.

Congratulations to the Rev. Aaron Schnupp and his wife, Emma, on the birth of their second daughter, Phoebe Joanna Schnupp. Phoebe was also welcomed by her sister, Lilias. Phoebe was born at 10:27 p.m. on August 16. She was 9 lbs 13oz. Both mom and baby are doing well. Aaron serves as Assistant to the Rector at St. Michael's Church in Charleston.



The Rev. Stephen Scarff has been appointed to serve as the Interim Rector at St. Matthew's, Darlington. Prior to serving at St. Matthew's, Stephen had served as a hospice chaplain. Stephen, his wife Ruth, their son Charlie and daughter Poppy relocated to Summerville from the North Shore of Massachusetts in June 2023. Stephen served in parish ministry, worked in private independent schools, and managed money for individuals and non-profits. He received his vocational training in Montreal, New Haven, Cambridge, England and most recently at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary where he is a DM candidate in Pastoral Theology.

Dominic Taranto recently became the first participant in the new Ministry Resident Program of the Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island. Originally from North Carolina, Dominic graduated from Hillsdale College with a major in Theology and a minor in Classics. He is currently discerning a call to ordained ministry and will pursue a Master of Divinity degree while at Holy Cross. As a Ministry Resident, Dominic will spend the next two to three years gaining hands-on parish experience while growing through mentoring, theological study, pastoral ministry, discipleship, and leadership. The new program is designed to help prepare and equip those discerning a call to vocational ministry through meaningful experience in the life and ministry of a local parish.



A Joy-filled Week at GrandCamp

By Sherry Rest, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant

Finally, all our schedules aligned - we were going to GrandCamp! Savannah and Jaxon were excited to attend GrandCamp with us (Mimi & PopPop) for the first time. Upon arrival we were welcomed with t-shirts, schedules, and name tags which had our names on both sides in big letters so we could always know who we were!

It was a joy-filled week with games and songs and fun that grandparents might expect from a wonderfully planned and beautifully executed summer camp. What made it so special, however, was that everything was planned with our Lord Jesus Christ as the focus of it all.

This year's theme was "Miracle Worker" with Matthew 19:26 as our main verse. Imagine experiments and games that helped us understand how miraculous His works are. Fun songs to remind us to praise Him with smiles on our faces; everyone actually opening their BIBLES to read scripture together (no cell phones allowed); going to the "Miracle Zone" with visits from Biblical characters reinforcing the lesson of the day; cool junior counselors that paid attention to us; ordained clergy who held our undivided attention while sharing the Gospel; camp leadership who seemed to have thought of every detail, and ending each day with a family devotion time focused on the miracle we had studied that day and the love of our Savior!

The Spirit of the Lord was present, and the opportunity to enjoy a faith-filled week with our grandchildren was amazing. We expect we will long be singing the silly songs and enjoying memories of the time we shared together. Rub a dub-dub-dub. Switch!! ;-)



RILEIGH BARBER

"We expect we will long be singing the silly songs and enjoying memories of the time we shared together," said Sherry (Mimi), above with PopPop and grandchildren.

What did Grandparents who attended in 2026 have to say about GrandCamp?

"Our friends spoke very highly of GrandCamp, encouraging us to attend with our granddaughter. They under sold it! It was a much better experience than I had imagined. Thanks to everyone involved." Terry

"This was our third time coming to GrandCamp and you know it was well received when our grandchild asks us, right after Christmas, "Can we go again this year?" Jim

"Hearing my grandson say, "Mimi, we need to pray," and then leading the prayer time together just melted my heart!" Becky

What did Grandchildren who attended in 2026 have to say about GrandCamp?

"It is the Best Camp!!" Paul
"This was the first experience with only my Mimi and Poppy. I am excited to come back with my sisters." Harper
"It was the best." Remy
"It was fun." Shepherd
"GrandCamp is a great experience if you want to have a great time, bond with your grandparents and get closer to God." Allen

GrandCamp 2027 will take place June 14-18, amidst the oaks of Epworth By the Sea Conference Center, on beautiful St. Simon's Island, Georgia. Registration will open December 1. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Wanda DeLorge, Director, at wanda.delorge@gmail.com

St. Michael's Releases New Book:

St. Michael's Church – In the Revolutionary Era

St. Michael's Church – In the Revolutionary Era tells the story of the founding of St. Michael's Church, which emerged out of the Anglican tradition 275 ago. The church was 25 years old in 1776 when five of its parishioners played a prominent role in the founding of the country; two signed the Declaration of Independence and three were principles in the Continental Congress who helped draft and eventually sign the Constitution of the United States in 1787. Readers will enjoy the story of how the Anglican tradition of St. Michael's Parish intertwined with the development of a fledgling new nation. The book may be purchased through the church as well as through online platforms.



Aidan and Hilda's

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We're in discussions regarding a few possible permanent parking places and hope to have that settled very soon."

On October 17 they served coffee for St. James' Fall Bazaar and on October 25 set up and served coffee in the parking lot of the Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island, following their services.



JOY HUNTER

"You can pray for me as I continue to learn the coffee business," said Elizabeth, "... but even more that others would catch the vision and join with our team in truly loving our neighbors.

"You can pray for me as I continue to learn the coffee business," said Elizabeth, "and that we find the right location, but even more that others would catch the vision and join with our team in truly loving our neighbors. Contact me at elizabeth@aidanandhildas.com if you would like to be a volunteer barista. Training is provided.

With so much uncertainty in our economy and country right now, I'm open to how the Lord might want to use Aidan & Hilda's. It could turn into a traveling soup kitchen, who knows," she said. "The one thing I know is that we are called to love all of our neighbors. Love is the answer every single time."

Aidan & Hilda's Coffee Pub, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is looking for partners. To keep their non-profit status, 1/3 of their annual income must come from donations, not coffee sales. All gifts are fully tax-deductible and 100% of it will go back into the community. To give visit https://aidanandhildas.com/

Who are Aidan and Hilda?

Aidan was an Irish monk sent to Northumbria in England in 635 AD to plant the seeds of the faith. Others had gone before him but had failed to win the hearts of the people because they had seen their mission primarily as getting people into church. Aidan was different. He understood that love is central to reaching people. He went out into the community to meet and serve them. He was kind and compassionate and is remembered for his humble, relational approach to mission.

Hilda, one of Aidan's students, founded Whitby Abbey, a center of learning and spiritual formation for both men and women. She was known for her wisdom and gift of peacemaking, and she helped raise up the next generation of leaders in Aidan's spirit.

Perhaps returning to Jesus' way of mission as modeled by St. Aidan and St. Hilda is more important than ever. That's why we've named the coffee pub in their honor. They are our patron saints.

Be a Live Oak

By The Rev. Dr. Joey Fitzgerald, The Church of the Cross, Bluffton

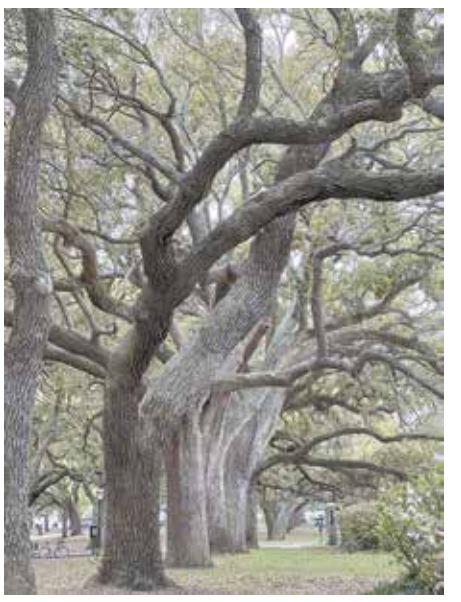
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Have you ever been to the beach on a windy day when a beach umbrella suddenly catches a strong gust of wind and goes tumbling down the shoreline? It can be a comical event, watching people jump up, sand going everywhere, drinks spilling, and crowds of people diving for cover. It can also be scary. A beach umbrella can act like a deadly projectile, and tragically, there have even been fatalities.

An umbrella stuck 16 inches into the sand has almost no grip, nothing to hold it in place. When the wind is still or there is a gentle breeze, it will stay in place. But the moment the wind starts to pick up, that umbrella will end up in the trash can at the end of the day. Compare that to the Southern live oak tree. I visited Hilton Head for the first time almost 40 years ago, and I vividly remember the live oak at the entrance to Coligny Beach. When we moved down here this summer, I was delighted to see that it was still standing just as I remembered. When the roots are healthy and deep, a Southern live oak can live for over 500 years, standing strong through hurricanes and the progress of time.

Thinking about the beach umbrella and the Southern live oak, I am reminded of Psalm 1.

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.



JOY HUNTER

Scripture often describes the wicked as those that are unmoored, using imagery like chaff in the wind; waterless clouds blown about; crashing waves; and uprooted, dead trees. The imagery used to describe the righteous, though, is so often rooted, living, thriving trees. What is it that the righteous are rooted in? It is the Word of God!

There is a quote that is often associated with Margaret Thatcher, though no one knows where it actually originated: "Watch your thoughts, for they will become actions. Watch your actions, for they'll become habits. Watch your habits for they will forge your character. Watch your character, for it will make your destiny." No matter who said it first, there is so much truth in this pithy saying. In the Anglican Church, we use a Latin phrase that is similar: Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi. Roughly translated it says, the law of what is prayed is the law of what is believed is the law of what is lived. Or perhaps a little more clearly, it means that how we worship and pray forms what we believe, and what we believe forms how we live.

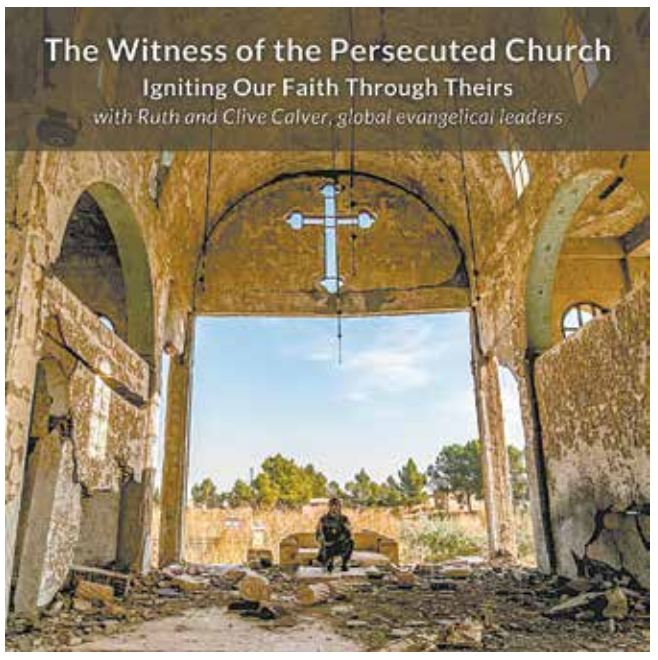
When we worship and pray, focused on God's Word and meditating on Him, our beliefs and actions come in line with His will for our lives. When we pray and immerse ourselves in scripture, our character is formed and shaped, and our roots grow deep, healthy, and strong. We become more like a Southern live oak standing through hurricanes and less like a beach umbrella tumbling out of control down the beach because of a gust of wind.

With this in mind, I want to encourage each of you to read the Word of God and pray daily. One way to do this is by praying the Daily Office. The Daily Office can be found in our Book of Common Prayer starting on page 11, or online at www.dailyoffice2019.com. The Daily Office has several times set throughout the day to read scripture and pray. It is a powerful resource, and it will help your roots sink deep into the living soil of God's abundant life. My friends, don't be a beach umbrella blown around, causing chaos and even destruction. Be a Southern live oak, withstanding storms, rooted in Him who loves you so deeply!

Igniting Our Faith Through the Witness of the Persecuted Church

Three Churches Partner for Event November 3, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

By Susan C. Keller, World Missions Chair, St. Philip's Church, Charleston



The plight of Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith is something hard for most of us to grasp and consider in our busy, comfortable lives here in the West. Yet we must!

Did you know the fastest growing church in the world is in Iran? And the second fastest is in Afghanistan?

The world missions' ministries of three churches (The Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island, St. Philip's Church, Charleston, and St. Andrew's Church, Mt. Pleasant) are hosting a special event on November 3, from 6:30 – 8 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church in Mt. Pleasant. There you will hear powerful stories of how our brothers and sisters under extreme persecution are amazingly flourishing. How can this be? And what does it mean for us? Come discover how God is bringing people to Christ in these most unlikely places and be challenged to move beyond complacency to wholehearted discipleship. Together we will learn from these precious believers, pray for them, and be reminded by their witness that Jesus is worth it all.

Security Considerations: Due to the sensitive nature of this event, no photography or videography will be permitted.

About the Calvers:

Our speakers are the Rev. Dr. Clive Calver and his wife Ruth. We will be blessed indeed to hear from these two very remarkable servants of our Lord on this special night. Once our team of organizers heard them speak about the persecuted church, we knew we wanted others in the Lowcountry to be challenged and inspired by them as well.

The Rev. Dr. Clive Calver was born in 1949 in England. He met Ruth at the London School of Theology where they both received their formal theological training. In Clive's early ministry, he played a significant role in organizing youth outreach and evangelistic campaigns throughout the UK. In 1983, he assumed the role as General Director of the Evangelical Alliance for the United Kingdom, an organization that partners with thousands of evangelicals, churches, and organizations across all four countries of the UK. This role enabled him to bring the love of Christ into the public square for 14 years. His son, Gavin, has now taken up this role.

Clive and Ruth then moved to the US where he served as President of World Relief for seven years. He has been featured on the BBC, ABC Nightline, CNN and NPR, and has worked and traveled to at least 100 countries – that number is about 80 for Ruth! They both have intimate knowledge of and relationships with countless Christians across the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Jesus.

Clive served as senior pastor of Walnut Hill Community Church in Bethel, CT, for 11 years. He was the first pastor to arrive at nearby Sandy Hook Elementary School following the horrific 2012 shooting. He and Ruth organized a great deal of ministry for that community after that terrible event.

Ruth is also ordained and has ministered alongside Clive throughout their life together. She is quite accomplished in her own right, leading multiple ministries for years wherever they have been.

Clive and Ruth have four children, all of whom are serving in full-time ministry, and six grandchildren. They now live on Daniel Island where they are near their daughter and her family in Mt Pleasant.

Clive has written 29 books and is working on his 30th. When he and Ruth are not traveling, he assists with preaching at the Anglican Church of the Holy Spirit on Daniel Island. We are thrilled that this amazing couple is so close to us here in the Charleston area and are greatly looking forward to hearing what the Lord will say to us through them on November 3.

Too Much to Carry Alone

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Partnering with the Local Church

The Bennetts and the Church of the Holy Spirit have partnered with Deeply Well in a number of ways, including inviting their teen and family counselors to lead five sessions on parenting children. The free gatherings were open to the public and addressed the psychological and emotional development that occurs from pregnancy through adulthood.

"Offering these was also a way to reach beyond our church family," said Jonathan, "to our preschool families as well as non-believers."

"Offering a psychoeducational class serves as an investment in the congregation," said Meredith. " Counselors are sharing emotional coping tools and teaching about childhood development to make families stronger.

"After it's over, someone will inevitably come up and begin telling their story, and I will say, 'That is a pretty big thing you're carrying. It sounds really hard.' They usually take a deep breath in agreement. So many of those conversations have led to people beginning therapy with us or having us refer them to other therapists we trust."

"That was one of our hopes," said Jonathan, "that people would realize, 'Hey, this is a great course, but I actually need more help.'"

The partnership has extended to caring for church staff as well. Meredith joined them during a staff day away to help staff members process some of the difficult situations they encounter in ministry.

"I think people found that really helpful," said Jonathan.

"It was a way of caring for the people who are caring for the people," said Melissa. "Often those in pastoral roles don't have anyone checking in on them because they're always the ones doing the checking in. It was really nice to have someone help us walk through some of the painful things we deal with in ministry."

Deeply Well has also partnered with local churches through consulting through difficult transitions, creating referral processes, and teaching on staff burnout prevention.

> The Church of the Holy Spirit created a designated fund to help individuals cover the initial cost of therapy.

"You're Valuable. You Deserve Help."

The church also created a designated fund to help individuals cover the initial cost of therapy.

"So far we've been able to cover at least eight sessions for anyone in our parish who needs it," said Jonathan. "That way money is not a barrier to getting help."

"That's absolutely huge in getting people in the door so they can get the help they need," said Meredith. "When a church puts money aside for a parishioner's counseling, people know, 'You're valuable. We want to support you and think you deserve help.'

"In Christian culture, people often absorb the message that if they're struggling with their mental health or their marriage, it's because they're not faithful," she continued. "But we live in a broken world with broken people. Counseling isn't about telling people how to fix their kids or their spouse or their parents. It's helping them accept appropriate responsibility for the things that are in their control and the things that are not. Often that involves surrendering to the Lord in ways they haven't before.

"If people can get through the door, just get here, we can walk with them through the really difficult things. As therapists, we have the expertise, the strategies, and the experience. I think the turning point is when people begin to say, 'This is too much for me to carry by myself. I think I need some help.'"

To learn more about local Christian counseling, contact Deeply Well at info@deeplywell.org.

** The Very Rev. Dr. Paul F.M. Zahl, said "a Christian generally needs — three elements in his or her 'walk' of faith in order to grow, let alone heal from the wounds of experience: 1) regular hearing of the Word of God (One-way love in church on Sundays); 2) becoming part of a small group of fellow Christians, who nurture, love and sustain the individual; and (3) some form of one-to-one mentoring /counselling/ therapy: some wise listener to help the person walk through the hurts of life."*

More Than Games

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JOY HUNTER

Inspired by All Saints' game night, Good Samaritan, Summerville decided to hold one, too.

Jubilate Deo: What have you learned through this experience?

Chelsea: I certainly learned to let down my standards of what's acceptable about the way my house looks. And I've learned how to cook for a lot of people. But I think the biggest thing I've learned is the value of generational blending. I don't think it's bad for young couples to have a group, or for retirees. There's value in that, but I think the church has overemphasized splitting people into narrow age groups.

You often think it's valuable for young people to hear the wisdom of older people. But I didn't always see, until now, how valuable it is for older people to interact with children who aren't their grandchildren. At game night, people of different ages make a special connection in a safe, fun way.

Jubilate Deo: What advice would you give to someone who wanted to do something similar?

Chelsea: I guess the biggest thing would be to let the chips fall where they may. There are certain elements you want to control, and that's important, but let it take the form that fits your community.

We don't put restrictions on toddlers coming because, yes, toddlers might interrupt the game, but the game isn't the most important part. The most important part is people having the opportunity to gather together in a home and to feel the hospitality that the gospel automatically brings out in people.

Jubilate Deo: What would you say to naysayers who might diminish game night saying, "They should do a Bible study instead."

Chelsea: I certainly wouldn't diminish the value of Bible study, and Bible study is an important part of our church life and the Christian life. But to negate the daily in and out of Christian life together is to misunderstand the gospel and how we are meant to live together. The church is God's vision from before the foundation of the world. It impacts every aspect of my life, every aspect of my home, every aspect where I gain joy and fellowship and community. To delegate that to an organized once-a-week study is to diminish the way the gospel transforms lives.

We've had people hang around after game night sharing their struggles and deeper parts of their lives. Being in our home allows people to open up. It actually allows for gospel fruit to be born in conversation. And sometimes conversation without agenda allows for deeper longevity in the fruit that's born.

Wendell Berry

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elation. But I did that night. I was changed. I know that sounds ridiculous, but I stand by it. We all have moments that set us on a new course in life. *Jayber Crow* set me on a new course. Within a few months Jenna and I moved back to South Carolina. Wendell Berry became my guide, my shepherd in this American life. And God used Berry to call me into small-town rural ministry.

Everyone needs an example of how to follow Jesus in their own context. We need good examples now more than ever. The Apostle Paul says, *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"* (1 Cor. 11:1). This is how I feel about Berry. He was and is a faithful guide. Berry wrote over 50 books in his life. So, if you are looking for a good place to start with his work, here are my recommendations: As far as his novels go, start with *Hannah Coulter*. Essays: *The Art of Common Place*. Poems: *A Timbered Choir*. And remember, be careful who you entrust your soul to!

Finally, I leave you with Berry's closing remarks in his 1981 essay, The Gift of Good Land. "To live, we must daily break the body and shed the blood of Creation. When we do this knowingly, lovingly, skillfully, reverently, it is a sacrament. When we do it ignorantly, greedily, clumsily, destructively, it is a desecration. In such desecration we condemn ourselves to spiritual and moral loneliness, and others to want." So, follow Wendell as he followed Jesus.

Trinity, Edisto: Blesses Future Rectors with a Rectory

By Joy Hunter, Editor

When Trinity Church, Edisto Island, celebrated their 250th anniversary, the Rev. Wey Camp, its long-time rector, began thinking about the church's future.

"We had just celebrated our 250th," he said. "And I thought, Trinity is going to be here another 250 years or until Jesus comes back. We need to think long term."

The vestry established a long-term steering committee, and one of its recommendations was to consider acquiring a rectory.

"As most people know, land values in the Lowcountry continue to escalate," said Wey, "and Trinity could bless its future rectors with a much nicer home years down the road if we were proactive now."

They formed a rectory committee and began researching the possibility, contacting other churches in the diocese who own rectories. "We had a small reserve fund," said Wey, "And set up a rectory fund. We also started encouraging parishioners to think about donating land."

Then an unexpected opportunity arose.Two church members had a house on the market. "A new member of our committee said, "We should look at this house!" said Wey.

Within a week, the committee had toured the home and was enthusiastic about it. They decided to recommend it to the vestry.

"When the vestry came together to consider it at a specially called meeting," remembers Wey, "I said, by the way, as you're financially considering this, you also need to know I'm retiring at the end of this year. And they all went, 'What!?'"

After 35 years as rector, and approaching his 65th birthday, Wey was ready to begin making plans for the next chapter in his and his wife Anne's life. And he wanted the church to do the same.

"That's why I think you need to go ahead and really give this serious consideration," he said. "It will be a great point of attraction for the new rector. And I'm not going to be here."

The vestry approved the purchase and the four-bedroom, four-bath, 2,750 sq. ft. home, with a 540 sq. ft. guest cottage on a tidal creek, became Trinity's new rectory.

"There are a lot of benefits to this particular house, in this particular neighborhood," said Wey. "And with the access to the community dock on deep water, some people will absolutely love it."



Trinity's new rectory. WEY CAMP

While the church is healthy, and Edisto Island is beautiful, serving there is not for everyone. "There's one grocery store, one hardware store," said Wey. "No franchises. No stoplights."

Having a beautiful new rectory will certainly be a draw.

Fortunately, years of careful stewardship and generous giving enabled Trinity to make the purchase. The church had sufficient reserves for a substantial down payment, and additional funds have since reduced the mortgage to approximately $413,000 on the $1.2 million property.

"Trinity has been very blessed," says Wey. "We have a very giving church family."

Wey and Anne will not move into the house, choosing instead to remain in their own home. He's talking with Bishop Edgar about possible interim work. "I plan to travel with my wife," said Wey, "play golf, get involved in another church ... and, of course, visit the kids."

For the remaining six months, Trinity will continue paying Wey's housing allowance while also making mortgage payments on the rectory. Once Wey retires, the funds previously designated for his housing allowance can be directed toward the mortgage instead.

It's a temporary financial commitment, but in the scheme of things a small price to pay for a congregation thinking generations ahead.

"Six months in 250 years is not a big deal," said Wey.

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JAY MAGEE

Bishop Meets With Vocational Deacons

Twenty vocational deacons gathered with Bishop Edgar at the Cathedral on September 26 for their annual Deacons' Day. Bishop Edgar spoke on 1 Peter 3 stressing the value of sharing their personal testimony in ministry. "He pointed out that testimonies often have a greater impact on seekers and nonbelievers than doctrine or teaching," said the Rev. John Davis, who serves as a deacon at St. Helena's, Beaufort. "Testimonies remind people they are not alone on their spiritual journey. They humanize ministry, build relationships and provide strong evidence of God's continued work in the world."

Walters Ordination

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a professor of English at Charleston Southern University, and together they have two children, Adele and Conrad.

Kurt received his Master of Divinity from Nashotah House Theological Seminary. He has completed internships at St. James Anglican Church, Newport Beach and St. Michael's Anglican Church, Delafield, as well as chaplaincy training at St. Camillus Campus, where he focused on memory care and assisted living settings.

Kurt serves as the curate at Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island. A curate is an ordained minister who serves under the supervision of a rector in training or early stage of ministry, assisting with duties like pastoral care, worship, and parish leadership.

Madison Kuzia Named Chief of Staff

Bishop Chip Edgar appointed Madison Kuzia to serve as the Diocese's new Chief of Staff, effective July 15. Madison will continue serving as his Executive Assistant, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the office, leading strategic initiatives, and strengthening the systems that support our ministry.



CLARA BOWMAN

In a note to the clergy Bishop Edgar wrote, "I am confident that Madison's gifts of leadership, team management, and vision for our operations will have a far-reaching impact, strengthening our team so that we are well equipped to serve you, your congregations, and the mission we share across our Diocese."

Madison and her husband, Elijah, have been married since 2018 and enjoy traveling together, spending time on their family's farm, and making music.

ACNA College of Bishops Gather in Plano

The College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America gathered in Plano, Texas, September 21-25, 2026, for its fall meeting. Bishop Julian M. Dobbs, Dean of the Province and Interim Ecclesiastical Authority, presided. The bishops met to worship together, discern God's leading in their Gospel calling, and seek clarity on key matters facing the Church.

Bishop Paul Donison hosted the College at Christ Church Plano, Texas and provided Bible teaching for the week.

Visit https://anglicanchurch.net/fall-college-of-bishops-meeting-in-plano/ to read the full report.

Calendar Notes

View full calendar at adosc.org/events/

Sargent Ordination, November 5
Clergy Retreat, November 9-11
Regenerate High School Retreat, Nov. 13-15
Walters Ordination, November 19
Diocesan Office Closed, November 26-27
Diocesan Office Closed, December 24-January 3
Clergy Spouses Retreat, January 8-10
Christian Men's Conference, February 5-7
2027 Diocesan Convention, March 12-13

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Pray Without Ceasing
Christ-St. Paul's, Yonges Island

Christ-St. Paul's in Yonges Island hosted a prayer room as part of the 24/7 Global Week of Prayer, September 6-13. Christians from more than 140 nations around the world filled physical and virtual spaces with day-and-night non-stop prayer, joining together as the global body of Christ to lift up the name of Jesus. "Throughout the entire week, I felt a strong sense of unity and God's presence, knowing that I was praying alongside my CSP family and also with my Christian family around the world," said CSP member, Claire.

I was a stranger and you welcomed me…



Host an International Student This Thanksgiving

Would you be interested in sharing your Thanksgiving table with one or more international students? Or preparing a meal to share at a Thanksgiving event held in your area, hosted by a ministry among international students? If so, contact Leiton Chinn, co-leader of the Anglican International Student Ministry Network, at: lechinn@aol.com. To learn more visit https://www.newwineskins.org/internationalstudentministry

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