



# TIDINGS

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Episcopal Church



June/July 2016

*The mission of Saint Elizabeth's Church is proclaiming God's Word, celebrating God's love, and sharing God's gifts.*

## MUSIC NOTES

by Julie Woodall  
Interim Choir Director

This is my first attempt to write an article for the Tidings! Yippee! I wanted to say three things.

First, it is a joy to play music and sing with you. The choir at St. Elizabeth's is wonderful and the congregation sings great, too. What a joy to sing praises to God!!

Second, I want you to know that I honor your music requests. Let me know what hymns you love. Let me know of other types of music that you like.

Third, we need more help in the choir on each voice part. Our loyal choir members feel so guilty when they have to miss a Sunday. Maybe you've always wanted to try singing in the choir, but didn't think you would measure up. I can help you with finding your voice, and our seasoned choir members are kind. This would be a great time to try us out because Summer Choir starts on June 5th. That means we will NOT have Wednesday rehearsals, but will meet in the choir loft at 9 a.m. Sunday morning to get a simple anthem and the hymns into shape for the service that day. We have the best seats in the house!

Well that's it. My email is [djwoodall@gmail.com](mailto:djwoodall@gmail.com) and my cell number is 404-576-9587.



*Parishioners gathered Sunday afternoon, May 15, for a report on the results of the recent parish survey and the interpretation of those results by consultant David York.*

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## Survey Says . . . *Congregation Assessment Tool helps identify future priorities for St. Elizabeth's*

by Michael Zose

The Congregation Assessment Tool (CAT)—a survey instrument designed to help us develop a clearer picture of who we are as a church and what directions might be important for our future—was recently administered at St. Elizabeth's. One-hundred forty-seven persons were invited to participate; of these, 99 persons, or nearly 70 percent, responded.

On May 15, David York, a consultant trained to interpret the results of the CAT, delivered a presentation to members of the congregation, including the vestry and the search committee. The CAT results indicated that, overall, approximately 87 percent of survey respondents at least tended to agree that they are satisfied with things in the church; 51 percent either agreed or strongly agreed. Respondents were particularly satisfied with the quality and spiritual content of the worship service and the music at St. Elizabeth's, and felt that morale, that is, the positive, passionate, and persuasive engagement of members in the mission of the church, is high. Most respondents also felt that St. Elizabeth's welcomes and is enriched by persons from many different walks of life.

While the results of the survey were positive overall, they pointed to areas with room for improvement, including reducing conflict within the congregation and providing greater opportunities for spiritual education and involvement in decision-making. Furthermore, the results pointed to several areas respondents view as future priorities for St. Elizabeth's.

The top four priorities expressed included:

- Making necessary changes to attract families with children and youth to our church;
- Developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to reach new people and incorporate them into the life of the church;
- Providing more opportunities for Christian education and spiritual formation at every age and stage of life;
- and developing the spiritual generosity of the people to financially support the ministry of the church.

Lastly, the CAT helped identify the abilities respondents viewed as most important in a new rector. Overwhelmingly, respondents chose preaching as the most critical ability, followed by pastoral care, and strategic leadership.

The information gleaned from the CAT is invaluable in helping the Search Committee carry out the search for a new rector and in helping the vestry develop plans to best meet the needs of the congregation.

The Search Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the CAT for their candid responses

## Our Friends, the Pollinators

Article and photo by Rosalie Jensen

The picture in this article was made on a tall shrub on the right side of the church near the parking lot. The flowering shrub, called a Rose of Sharon or Althaea, was planted by Alex Gardner so that we could all enjoy the beautiful blooms in the summer; however, it now serves a very important role as a magnet for bees, our most prolific pollinators. The bee that you see in the photograph has the color and pattern of a Bumble Bee. Since North America has more than 4,000 native bee species and many more bees have been imported over the years, only an entomologist or expert bee keeper might be able to identify the species.

The busy little creature covered with pollen is an example of one of the scores of animals who are necessary for the perpetuation of the natural world as we know it. Pollination is vital to the health of all flowering plants. Without pollen being moved inside a flower or from one flower to another of the same species, fertilization cannot occur.

Animals help move grains of pollen from one plant to another for 75% to 85% of the flowering plants of the world. About 200,000 species are beneficial insects such as bees, butterflies, moths, flies, and beetles, while another 1,000 are vertebrates, such as birds, bats, and small mammals. In the beautiful video film "Wings of Life" from Disney Nature, hummingbirds spin through the air and female bats carry their babies as they fertilize cacti flowers and later eat the fruit produced by their labors. You can see excerpts by writing the name of the film in your browser, or you can order a complete DVD copy of the movie.

### GENIUS OF HONEY BEES

"Every species is a genius at something. That's why they survive." Although we're not sure who first penned this quotation, we can say that it certainly applies to the small insects that we know as honey bees. Not native to the United States, the honey bee was brought from Europe in the mid-1600s. Unlike most native bee species that live in nests in soil or wood, honey bees live in hives, which are often transported from place to place to pollinate plants that produce food sources in different seasons.

What is this unusual ability that is the genius of the honey bee? The special behavior is called the "waggle dance." Too intricate to describe here, we can make several observations. The dance is performed by an experienced forager, who returns to the hive to direct the other workers to a good nectar source. The shape of the movement, a circle or a figure eight, indicates the distance to the flower patch. To tell the direction, the bee flies upward if the source is toward the sun and downward at an angle left or right of the sun if the source is not straight toward the sun. For a full explanation and diagrams, use the magic of Internet to find "The Honey Bee Dance Language" from NC State University. To see a demonstration of the dance, indicate "waggle dance" in Youtube to find long and short versions of the action.

Honey bees, as well as native bees, are in trouble. The greatest threats are insecticides, habitat loss, disease, and climate change. A group of chemicals called neonicotinoids are believed to be injurious to bees. Ortho, owned by Scots Miracle-Gro, will end the use of this harmful chemical in its products by 2021. We hope that other manufacturers will follow this action.

### A LITTLE CHILD WILL LEAD THEM

The students at Sabin Elementary School in Portland Oregon have a special mascot. It is a blackish-brown native bee that nests in holes scattered across the school's athletic fields and emerges for two months each spring. Far from being afraid of these bees, the children, teachers, and parents accept them as part of the natural environment on the school grounds. On warm days when the bees are searching for

nectar you can hardly walk across the fields without bumping into the busy small creatures, intent on their life's work. In fact, many children gently pick up a bee and discover that they are tickled instead of stung. Because of this habit, these insects have been named "tickle bees."

In Texas an 11-year-old entrepreneur is dedicated to saving bees. Stung by a bee at a young age, Mikaila Ulmer developed a fear of bees. With her mother's help, she turned her painful experience into an insect research project. Mikaila learned that through pollination, bees are crucial to the food supply for humans and other animals. On the basis of her new interest, in 2009 she founded her own beverage company that makes Bee Sweet Lemonade. With energy and vision, she was determined to improve the lives of her small industrious flying friends.

Mikaila's story reads like a modern fairy tale. Using a \$60,000 grant from the TV show "Shark Tank," Mikaila will sell her lemonade in 55 Whole Food stores in several states. Later after accepting an award at a festival, she announced additional expansion through United Natural Foods, a national distributor of natural food and beverage products.

According to NBC News, Mikaila met President Obama in 2015 when she attended the Kids' State Dinner at the White House. In June of this year she is scheduled to travel to Cape Town, South Africa to speak to young girls about how to be an entrepreneur. Her mother says that in addition to her travels and speaking engagements she keeps up with her homework and is kind to people, a trait that her mother says is more important than her business sense.

As a workshop leader and panel member, Mikaila explains to audiences that bees are dying. In one year beekeepers lost 40 percent of their hives. She uses a quotation attributed to Albert Einstein, "If the bee disappeared off the face of the globe then man would only have four years to live." Without people like Mikaila dedicated to saving a small creature in a very large world, the beautiful creation that we now enjoy would be changed in ways that we cannot imagine.

**Celebrate National Pollinator Week June 20-26, 2016**



# Swinging for NOA

by Jill Hayes



Our seventh annual golf outing began with coffee, orange juice and Jill's homemade cinnamon rolls. Then it was off to the putting green for some practice and to purchase some "mulligans" just in case they were needed and indeed they were!

A smile and blessings from our beloved priest started our players on their golfing journey. Following 18 holes of play all gathered in the clubhouse for lunch, prize awards, and discussions about all previous fantastic golf shots.

A good time with lots of fun and fellowship was had by all while raising funds for NOA. Please plan to join us next year.



# Did you smell the aromas??

by Jill Hayes

On May 19 the chickens residing on or near Hamp Mill Road were probably hungry as they smelled the good smells from the cookout at St Elizabeth's of Hungary Church. Yes, our monthly potluck dinner was held that night and featured an old fashioned hamburger/hotdog cookout with all the trimmings provided by the members in attendance. As Don Hunt and Larry Channell labored over the grills others such as Dave Bammer, Tom Roberts and Rick Hayes were seen supervising, to ensure all meat was cooked to perfection and served piping hot.

The members outdid themselves as usual with the sides and desserts which were provided, along with lemonade and beverages of choice. Approximately 45 members attended this festive affair and a great time was had by all.

As usual, Susan Richtarcik did a wonderful job with marketing the event and organizing all aspects of the evening. Susan and her crew also did their customary great job with set up and clean up.

For those who missed all the fun you will have another chance on Thursday, June 16, at 6 p.m. This will be a regular pot luck so bring your favorite dish to share and plan on having a good time. Then next month we'll have a salad bar July 21. See you there.



*It's no easy task cooking for 45 people!!*

## Thoughts from Jill on the new dinner format

*My husband and I have been members of St Elizabeth's for eight years and actively participated in the Foyers dinner groups most years. We often "longed" for a greater participation in Foyers by church members to foster getting to know each other better and strengthen the church community. Once the decision was made to schedule monthly potluck dinners instead, our dreams came true, thanks in large part to Susan's vision and hard work to make that vision a reality. The recent dinners have certainly validated that decision. Please mark your calendar for June 16, the next dinner date, and plan to join us. You just don't know what you are missing!!*

*Jill Hayes*



## Reflections on Memorial Day 2016

By Darrell Woodall



Well, that day has come upon us once more, when most Americans anticipate a most welcome holiday to be with family and friends. They see it as a time for vacation travel, a prelude to summer. It is a time for children to celebrate the end of the school year, and for dads everywhere to fire up the grill. Indeed, it is considered a day for our nation to relax and enjoy our freedoms and prosperity. These are all very worthy goals. However, it is supposed to be a time to reflect upon those who have paid the ultimate price defending this great nation of ours. Speaking of remembering, before I continue with this column, I wanted to point out that I neglected to list Garry Mayfield as having served in the United States Air Force in Vietnam, when I listed St. Elizabeth's Vietnam veterans. If there are any more Vietnam Veterans in our church that I am not aware of, please let me know.

In my previous rendering, I talked about Vietnam veterans being welcomed home at a place called Heritage Park Veterans Museum. For any of you who like to take in local sites around the state of Georgia, I highly recommend this jewel. It is located in McDonough, Ga., just a mile from the town center. It is run by a staff of volunteer veterans, and within its walls one can see every facet of the United States military. It contains many, many vestiges of our nation's military history, from World War I to the present, and tells the story of many veterans. All the artifacts and vehicles in the museum have been donated by veterans and their families, and each Memorial Day and Veterans Day, the museum sponsors extensive programs honoring the nation's veterans. It is truly the place to visit if you are a real patriot. There is a special section of the museum, however, that each and every visitor should visit on Memorial Day. It is the museum's Wall of Honor.

I first became familiar with the Wall of Honor when I became a volunteer staff member just a few months after I retired from teaching. As I toured the museum alone, trying to become knowledgeable of all its parts so that I could be an efficient staff member, I saw this small but well-appointed section off to the side of the museum entrance. It had a tall, heavy blue velvet curtain drawn up to the sides of the walls at the entrance, and as I passed by these curtains, I was met by a wall of well-framed photographs in neat, professionally-spaced rows. There were dozens of them in 2012. Now there are scores of them. Faces stared back at me from the framed photos. These were the faces of members of our armed forces that had died in the service of their country. Most were very young men and women, but some were those getting ready for retirement from the armed forces. They represented every part of our country, and every race, creed, and color. The wall had initially been intended to honor those military deceased mainly from the local county and town, but over the last five years this has been changed to include many parts of the United States. You see, every September, families are encouraged to bring photographs of their loved ones who lost their lives in the service of their country. Most were killed in combat, but many died in training accidents, of disease, and other causes. The point here is that, when a serviceman or woman is lost while wearing the uniform of this nation, he or she is honored

in this way so that they will never be forgotten. It is Memorial Day at this museum every day. Families often return during the course of the year to grieve, honor, or view their loved ones lost in the defense of this country.

I would like to share some connections I have with this wall, involving some of these deceased servicemen. The reason I want to do this is that it underlines Memorial Day in a more potent way. While walking alone along that wall four years ago, a face and a name of one of the photos caught my eye. The soldier was Sergeant Jamie Blasingame, and there was something very familiar about him. He had died on December 4, 2009. Then it struck me. I had taught this boy when he was in the fifth grade, eighteen years ago. I had not seen him since 1994, but I knew it was him. When I got home, I told Julie about it, and we pulled out the old elementary school yearbook. She had taught him, too, as his music teacher. We were heartbroken. I later was able to meet with his mother and grandmother, as they were at the wall visiting the symbol of his memory. I was told that he had served two tours in Iraq. He was but twenty-four years old. I had many emotions going through my head and heart when all this transpired, but the most poignant one was that I realized our young men and women today are serving just as valiantly as any have ever served, and sometimes giving their lives, as well. I was, and am, very proud of Jamie. Every Memorial Day I make it a point to visit Jamie's picture on that wall.

There are two other stories from that wall I must share with you. There is one photograph of a soldier from World War II on the wall that makes it especially clear that we must view Memorial Day for the deeply important day that it is. About three years ago, a man came into our museum bearing a manila envelope that he said contained some items from an old house that he was getting ready to renovate. He discovered the envelope in a corner with other debris, and after seeing what it contained, he thought the museum might like to have it. I wasn't there the day the man brought in the envelope, but the next day, when I got there, one of my fellow veteran staff members handed it to me and wanted to know what we should do with it. See, I was the museum archivist, so it was my job to catalog and help display all donations we received. As I emptied the envelope onto the table, I saw that we had something very special here. The envelope contained several photographs of a soldier who obviously served in World War II. But what struck me the most was that there was a medal decoration box in the pile of artifacts, as well. I opened it to find a Purple Heart medal. As I examined the medal further, I saw that the soldier's name was engraved on the back of it. The U.S. Government does not engrave a soldier's name on a Purple Heart unless the medal was awarded posthumously. Upon reading and examining the remaining artifacts from the envelope, I found that this soldier had been killed at the Battle of the Bulge. It occurred to me that this soldier would have been totally forgotten if the museum had not mounted this man's picture on the Wall of Honor. His name was Sergeant Leonard L. Bolden. We had no way of contacting any surviving

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## VETERAN'S CORNER

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family, if any, and his military service would have been forgotten if the concerned citizen had not brought in that manila envelope. Now, every Memorial Day he is remembered.

The last special story I will share from the wall is the story about First Lieutenant James L. Collins. This man is on the Wall of Honor because of yet another concerned citizen. Two years ago, as I was undergoing my annual physical at my doctor's office, the lab technician drawing my blood wanted to know what I was doing in my retirement now. Of course, I told him about our Wall of Honor at the museum, and he looked at me in a surprised way. He told me just a month or two ago he had purchased a framed set of ribbons and medals from an estate sale. The framed set was only one dollar, so he bought it, for its historical value to himself. The frame contained a black and white 3 X 5 photo of a young man in a United States Air Force uniform, wearing pilot's wings. There was also a Purple Heart in that collection. He asked me if I could do some research on the young pilot. It turned out that this man's Purple Heart was given posthumously, as well. After some research, I found that this young pilot had been shot down over Korea in 1951, and his body never recovered. His photo now resides on the Wall of Honor. Again, if someone had not stepped forward and tried to honor and identify this man, he, too, would have been forgotten.

Forgive me if I have over extended my story a bit, but I just wanted to reiterate our responsibility as citizens this Memorial Day. We must never, ever forget men like the ones I have talked about here. Memorial Day is so much more than travel, burgers on the grill, and good times. It is a time to honor those that gave their last full measure. God has richly blessed our nation with people such as these. Let us never fail to honor them on this day. This article will not be printed before the actual Memorial Day occurs, but make EVERY day a day to honor and remember.

# Outreach

at St. Elizabeth's

*Together we can do this*

*The following is an article by Dahlonga Nugget reporter Sharon Hall that ran in the Nugget awhile ago about the need for books in the library at the jail. Since the project started, many of the books that have been donated were deemed not appropriate for the inmates, said Elaine Clark, Literacy Coalition board member. If you have books to donate that you think meet their criteria please consider donating them. Monetary donations are also being accepted so that specific books can be purchased for the library.*

## Second-hand books offer 'Second Chances'

Julie Wilson believes all of us deserve a second chance—an opportunity to change from a destructive to constructive lifestyle, from a negative self-image to a positive one. And books, she says, can help do that.

When it comes to changing outcomes for those who break the law, the thinking over the past few decades been on helping inmates earn a GED. The thinking is that having a GED will better enable offenders to find a job, reducing the likelihood of them reoffending.

Detention Center Capt. Aaron Welch, who has worked in the jail since 2003, says he sees the same faces returning over and over again.

"Most are between the ages of 20 and 40. Some have high school diplomas, but many

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## Habitat needs help in retail store

Habitat for Humanity is asking 12 local churches to take turns running the cash register in the local Habitat ReStore. The store is open two Fridays/Saturdays a month, and sells building supplies. It is manned by volunteers, and they could serve customers better if they had help at the cash register.

Habitat hopes to start building two houses here this fall and the store is a significant source of income for them. If you would be willing to help with this project please contact Melissa Lach, wmlach@yahoo.com, or call the store, located behind, and underneath True Value Hardware near the high school, at 706-864-7584.

## More distributions of summer food coming

by Suzanne Ryerson

There are many children in Lumpkin County who eat a free, nutritious breakfast and lunch five days a week at school. During the summer months CHP provides extra food to those families by to replace the free lunch program in the schools. Feeding children two extra meals a day can be a burden on families, and the summer food program helps ensure that these children are still eating, and getting nutritious meals throughout the summer.

Parents/guardians must sign their child/children up for this program. Pickup days will be given to those who qualify.

Each child receives his/her own bag of food, and families are eligible for two more pick ups—in June and July.

Thank you for your support.

### SUMMER FOOD LIST FOR FREE LUNCH PROGRAM CHILDREN

Box of cereal, 12.25 oz.  
Instant oatmeal variety pack  
Mac 'n' cheese, 7.25 oz.  
Peanut butter, 15 oz.  
Jelly (squeezable), 20 oz.  
Canned tuna, 4 oz.  
Canned chicken, 5 oz.  
Canned pasta, 15 oz.  
Canned applesauce, 11 oz.  
Chicken noodle soup, 10.5 oz.  
Fruit/applesauce cups

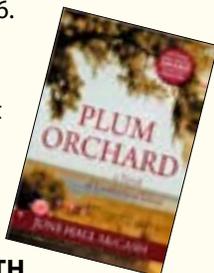
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LAY READER MEETING JUNE 12

All lay readers are invited to a meeting with Rosalie Jensen in the middle classroom after church June 12. Rosalie is working on guidelines for new readers and is also hoping to discuss any other reader-related issues at that time. She plans to make a report to the Worship Committee on June 26.

### ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CLUB JUNE 13

Our book for May-June is Plum Orchard by June Hall McCash. This historical novel is set on Cumberland Island, Ga., pre and post Civil War. It is a story of hope and renewal. Our next meeting will be on June 13 at noon at Hoka Hoka. *John Ackermann*



### NOA SUNDAYS: FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH

The first Sunday of every month is NOA Sunday. Please bring towels—bath towels, hand towels, wash clothes, dish towels, and dish cloths, and place them in the basket on a bench in the foyer. Thank you. *Betty Greene*

### 5TH SUNDAY BAKE SALE

The Fifth Sunday bake sale raises funds for special projects, and will return again in July. Mark your calendar and plan an item to donate to the sale.

### NURSERY HELP STILL NEEDED

We have a shortage of Nursery coverage for the summer due to vacations. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are able to help. There will be a regular Nursery worker on duty. We just need help. In addition, when leaving your children, ask if there is any need for help. We love the children and thank you in advance for your care.

### PRAYER LIST PROCEDURES

When requesting someone is put on the Prayers of the People List, please make sure you have their permission to have their name printed and read aloud. Also please make sure to give the full name, who is requesting, and the reason, (healing, hospital, therapy, long term, etc). Email this information to Sharon at [stelizabeth1188@gmail.com](mailto:stelizabeth1188@gmail.com), Thank you for your support. *Sharon McWhorter*

### FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Food Pantry applications are now being accepted to work Fridays 10 am-1 pm. Some lifting required. See Suzanne Ryerson for details. *Suzanne Ryerson*

### CHP FOOD PANTRY

Watch the Thursday e-blasts for a list of needed foods. Also, the Summer food program will have two more distribution rounds this summer. *Suzanne Ryerson*

### REQUESTS FOR HOME COMMUNION

If you or a family member would like to receive communion brought by a St. Elizabeth Lay Eucharistic Visitor, please contact Sharon McWhorter at [stelizabeth1188@gmail.com](mailto:stelizabeth1188@gmail.com), or 770-354-0274.

### ECW AND PIECE MAKERS GIFT COUNTER

Need a special gift? The ECW/Piece Makers gift counter is full of ideas. Check it out!

### ALUMINUM PULL TABS

St. Elizabeth's collects aluminum can pull tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The house is used to temporarily house families of children being treated for cancer or other serious illness at medical facilities. Please save your drink can tabs and drop them in the "treasure chest" in the Narthex.

## Warren graduates EFM



Warren Johnson has just graduated from the Education for Ministry program. This four-year course studies a year each of Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theology.

Warren completed the first two years at St. Elizabeth's and the last two years at Holy Family, Jasper. He joins others in the congregation who have also completed this course.

### LOOKING FOR A WORKOUT?

Two programs are offered at the church to help you stay healthy and fit.

Tai Chi with Lloyd Cupp meets Tuesdays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. See Lloyd for information.

Yoga with Paula Bingham meets at 9:30 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Classes in our building are free to our parishioners. See Bonnie Hunt for information.

## CALENDAR

The following have regular meeting times, and only changes are included in the calendar below:

<b>SUN</b>	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (Nursery open)
	11:00 a.m.	Coffee
<b>TUES</b>	9 a.m.	MOBS (Men Only Bible Study) breakfast at Steak & Shake
	10 a.m.	MOBS meeting at church
<b>WED</b>	6:15 p.m.	Choir practice
<b>THURS</b>	10 a.m.	Piece Makers
	11 a.m.	Women's Bible Study

### JUNE

- 5 NOA Sunday, towels (bath/kitchen) needed
- 9 FABS will not meet this week
- 12 Lay readers meeting following service
- 13 Book Club, Hoka Hoka at noon
- 16 Potluck dinner, 6 p.m.
- 19 Vestry meeting
- 26 Pastoral Care Committee following service
- 28 Daughters of the King, 10 a.m.

### JULY

- 3 NOA Sunday, towels (bath/kitchen) needed
- 3 Outreach Committee, 11 a.m.
- 11 Book Club, Hoka Hoka, noon
- 17 Vestry Meeting, 11 a.m.
- 21 Potluck dinner, 6 p.m. (Salad bar)
- 24 Pastoral Care Committee, 11 a.m.
- 26 Daughters of the King, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tidings deadline for publication date July 31
- 31 ECW 5th Sunday Bake Sale

### AUGUST

- 7 NOA Sunday, towels (bath/kitchen) needed

### Change in TIDINGS schedule

The current issue is considered a June/July issue. The next issue will not be published until July 31 and the deadline for that is July 26.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

	<b>JUNE 5 (1ST SUNDAY)</b>	<b>JUNE 12 (2ND SUNDAY)</b>	<b>JUNE 19 (3RD SUNDAY)</b>	<b>JUNE 26 (4TH SUNDAY)</b>	<b>NOTICE to those who serve</b>  Please be at church 15 minutes ahead of the service time and check in with the Vestry person of the day.  Please note that if you have a scheduled position on Sunday (as posted on here or in the bulletin) and cannot be there, you are responsible for finding your own replacement.
<b>CELEBRANT &amp; PREACHER</b>	Rev. Paul Roberts	Rev. Paul Roberts	Rev. Doris Graf Smith	Rev. Doris Graf Smith	
<b>ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER</b>	Julie Woodall	Julie Woodall	Julie Woodall	Julie Woodall	
<b>VERGER</b>	Bill Lach	Bill Lach	Bill Lach	Bill Lach	
<b>GREETERS</b>	Susan & Rick R	Donna W/Linda B	Amy & Michael Z	Cally & Pete Pratt	
<b>USHERS:</b>	Sharon M/B Hartman	Darrell W/B Hacker	Angie & Jim E	Elaine & Don Clark	
<b>READERS:</b>	Robert W/Rosalie J	Betty G/Warren J	Pat H/Lloyd C	Betty G/Garry M	
<b>CHALICE BEARERS:</b>	Betty G/Jim O	Susan R/Lloyd C	Sharon M/Dave B	Jackie P/Terry A	
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:</b>	Robert Wright	Donna Wright	Wilma Bammer	Warren Johnson	
<b>CRUCIFER/SERVER/ACOLYTE:</b>	Dave B/B Hacker	Robert W/Bill L	Robert W/B Hacker	Dave B/Bill L	
<b>NURSERY</b>	Millie Alexander	Millie Alexander	Rita C/Millie A	Rita C/Jessica	
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sharon M/Cally P	Pat H/Helen L	Carol & Bill M	Melissa L/Jackie P	
<b>FLOWER GUILD:</b>	Cathy McLendon	Jorgene West	Cindy Mayfield	Harriet Connolly	
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b>	Jackie P/Bill H	Bonnie H/Debbie H	Donna W/Linda B	Cindy M/Susan R	
<b>BREAD MINISTRY:</b>	Susan Richtarcik	Florence Roberts	Molly Callender	Cally Pratt	
<b>LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS:</b>	Bill Lach	Jackie Peabody	Sharon McWhorter	Martha Roberts	
<b>TELLERS:</b>	Judy F/Chris C	Lloyd C/Rick R	Walton P/B Hacker	Judy F/Pat H	
<b>VESTRY OF THE DAY:</b>	Wilma Bammer	Bill Lach	Sharon McWhorter	Rick Hayes	
	<b>JULY 3 (1ST SUNDAY)</b>	<b>JULY 10 (2ND SUNDAY)</b>	<b>JULY 17 (3RD SUNDAY)</b>	<b>JULY 24 (4TH SUNDAY)</b>	<b>JULY 31 (5TH SUNDAY)</b>
<b>CELEBRANT &amp; PREACHER</b>	Rev. Doris Graf Smith	Rev. Doris Graf Smith	Rev. Doris Graf Smith	Rev. Doris Graf Smith	Rev. Doris Graf Smith
<b>ORGANIST/CHOIRMASTER</b>	Julie Woodall	Julie Woodall	Julie Woodall	Julie Woodall	Julie Woodall
<b>VERGER</b>	Bill Lach	Bill Lach	Bill Lach	Bill Lach	Bill Lach
<b>GREETERS</b>	Susan & Rick R	Donna W/Linda B	Amy & Michael Z	Cally & Pete P	Wilma & Dave B
<b>USHERS:</b>	Sharon M/B Hartman	B Hacker/Darrell W	Jim & Angie E	Don & Elaine C	B Hacker/B Hartman
<b>READERS:</b>	Rosalie J/Michael Z	Betty G/Lloyd C	Donna & Robert W	Jackie P/Jim O	Pat Hughes/Garry M
<b>CHALICE BEARERS:</b>	Tom & Martha R	Susan R/David B	Lloyd C/Janet B	Martha & Tom R	Jackie P/Terry A
<b>PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:</b>	Wilma Bammer	Warren Johnson	David Bammer	Margo Booth	Donna Wright
<b>CRUCIFER/SERVER/ACOLYTE:</b>	Robert W/B Hacker	Robert W/Bill L	B Hacker/Betty G	Robert W/Bill L	Bill L/Betty G
<b>NURSERY</b>	Millie Alexander	Millie Alexander	Millie Alexander	Millie Alexander	Millie Alexander
<b>ALTAR GUILD:</b>	Sharon M/Cally P	Pat H/Helen L	Bill & Carol M	Melissa L/Jackie P	Cathy R/Helen L
<b>FLOWER GUILD:</b>	Donna Wright	Cathy Ritch	Cathy McLendon	Jorgene West	Cindy Mayfield
<b>HOSPITALITY:</b>	Amy & Michael Z	Jimmy & Margo B	Marylou K/Rosalie J	Jackie P/B Hartman	Bonnie H/Debbie H
<b>BREAD MINISTRY:</b>	Judy Ford	Elaine Clark	Susan Richtarcik	Florence Roberts	Elaine Clark
<b>LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS:</b>	Martha Roberts	Sharon McWhorter	Bill Lach	Sharon McWhorter	Sharon McWhorter
<b>TELLERS:</b>	Judy F/Chris C	Lloyd C/Rick R	Walton P/Bill H	Pat H/Judy F	Tom R/Dave B
<b>VESTRY OF THE DAY:</b>	David Connolly	Sharon McWhorter	Wilma Bammer	Jim Ory	Rick Hayes

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY • APRIL 2016

Operating Accts	Actual	Budget
Plate Receipts	\$ 1,032	\$ 833
Pledge Receipts	14,080	12,276
Interest	<u>394</u>	<u>250</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>15,506</u>	<u>13,359</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>8,574</u>	<u>15,263</u>
<b>Difference</b>	6,932	(1,904)

#### **Notes from our treasurers, Bob & Ginny Ingram**

Plate revenue was \$200 over budget for the month and is \$344 over for the year. Pledge revenue was \$1,800 over budget for the month but is \$2,000 under for the year. Expenses remain well under budget - \$6,600 for the month and \$18,000 for the year. \$10,000 was moved from checking to savings. This amount was withdrawn from savings last year to cover expenses.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY • YEAR TO DATE

Operating Accts	Actual	Budget
Plate Receipts	\$ 3,677	\$ 3,333
Pledge Receipts	46,991	49,103
Interest	<u>1,442</u>	<u>1,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>52,110</u>	<u>53,436</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>33,392</u>	<u>51,566</u>
<b>Difference</b>	18,718	1,870

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Bob Ingram	8 Caroline Johnson	15 Cally Pratt
2 Robert Nielsen	8 John Lilac	16 Richard Hayes
4 Janet Barger	10 Ellie Webb	26 Harry Cardwell
5 Betty Greene	11 Skipper Gholston	30 Gabriele McPeek
6 - Julie Woodall	11 Sue Spence	

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

8 Larry & Rita Channell
11 Jimmy & Margo Booth
11 David & Cheryl Jones
11 Darrell & Julie Woodall
18 Gerald & Margaret Skelly
24 Dave & Wilma Bammer

#### **Editor's note:**

Sorry, I'll get July birthdays and anniversaries in next time.

### FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

June 10	Ginny Ingram and Ed Stumpf
June 17	Martha Roberts, Lloyd Cupp, Pat Braswell
June 24	John Ackermann, Paul Hamm, Ed Stumpf
July 1	Trina Pellegrino, Pat Braswell
July 8	Martha Roberts, Paul Hamm, John Ackermann
July 15	Chet Barger, Evelyn Shirley, Lloyd Cupp
July 22	Ginny Ingram, Ed Stumpf
July 29	Lloyd Cupp, Sheila Noah-Cupp
Aug. 5	Trina Pellegrino, Chet Barger, Ginny Ingram

## Literacy Coalition project provides 'life-changing literature' to inmates *Continued from page 5*

don't. And they don't have a GED either," Welch says.

Lanier Tech offers a GED program at the jail. Some inmates take advantage of the opportunity, but often they are released before finishing the program. Three to six months is the average stay in the county lockup. Twelve months is the maximum anyone can serve. If the sentence is longer, they must serve their time in a state prison.

But Wilson contends that what inmates need is not a GED, but "integrity within. You have to help the inside heal before you can change outside behavior. You can't fill a bucket that's full of holes."

Filling those holes is what Second Chances, a partnership between Wilson and the Lumpkin County Literacy Coalition (LCLC), is all about.

"The purpose of the program is to encourage detainees to engage life-changing literature—both fiction and nonfiction—in ways that will strengthen their literacy skills while supporting character reformation and hope for a changed future," Wilson says.

The first step in this multi-faceted program is enlarging and expanding the library at the Lumpkin County Detention Center. When Wilson first began working with the jail population the majority of books available to inmates were romances.

"If we just had a better selection of books it would help a lot. They go through them real fast," Welch says. "I'd

say 50 to 75 percent of (the inmates) read. There's just not a whole lot to do back there."

Nearly all types of books are needed—modern or classical fiction in a wide range of genres from Westerns to science fiction, historical fiction, young adult fiction, mysteries and adventure. The only exceptions are books with plots that involve extensive violence or criminal activity.

Historical nonfiction, self-help books, biographies, how-to books, geography and travel, books on relationships and parenting are also on Wilson's list.

Special needs are books at lower reading levels, large print and books in Spanish.

All books must be paperback with no staples and in good condition.

"The books get read so much they fall apart," Welch says.

This is the first step in Wilson's 2nd Chances program, a project she developed for a research paper in a course taught by Dr. Donna Gessell at the University of North Georgia.

One of the ideas behind the project is *How Children Succeed*, a book by Paul Tough, that gives evidence that soft skills—such as persistence at unrewarding tasks, delayed gratification, follow-through and other coping strategies—are better indicators of success than earning a high school diploma or GED.

Another idea came from research

that showed literature featuring characters inmates could identify with—those who faced the same obstacles as they—could "take them to a safe place where they can look at how someone else handled a problem," Wilson says. "It can lead to a place of self-empowerment."

Gessell, who aside from her teaching role at the university serves on the board of Lumpkin County Literacy Coalition, was impressed with Wilson's work. She suggested Wilson try out the program at the Detention Center.

"The ultimate goal," Wilson says, "is to develop a 'Bibliotherapy' program, modules that are self-paced, low-cost and effective in changing people's thinking."

Even though the county jail is not a rehabilitative facility, Lumpkin County Sheriff Stacy Jarrard is willing to get behind the project.

"If we can correct behavior through programs like this we have done our job," he says. "We're not punishers. We're keepers of the peace, and whatever helps do that is a good thing."

Donations may be dropped off at the Adult Learning Center, 150B Johnson Street, or given to Elaine Clark, board member, or Sue Spence, St. Elizabeth liaison to Lumpkin Literacy.

"It's such a great collaboration with the Literacy Coalition," Gessell said. "We're all about educating people to get them to the next level. It's all about making a difference."

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