



# The Chimes

## CREAM PUFFS, HONEYSUCKLE, JELLYFISH AND THE GREAT EXODUS

MAY 2016



Well, are your bags packed? If not, get ready, because it's about that time—time for the Great Exodus. No, not THAT Exodus, the one

involving plagues of locusts, a river of blood, and the parting of the Red Sea. No, I'm talking about the rush to head off on vacation the minute that final school bell rings and the flags are unfurled for Memorial Day. If you're like me, you look forward to getting away some during the summer. Traveling is fun, and it's great to catch a break from the heat by heading to the beach or the mountains—or Antarctica.

There is another kind of exodus that tends to occur during the summer, though. I'm talking about the exodus from church. I'm talking about the idea that because school is no longer in session, church is no longer in session either. Now don't get me wrong. I look forward to those lazy summer Sundays when—husband, children and colleagues willing—I can sleep late, read the whole paper, help myself to an extra cup of coffee and, in general, bask in the knowledge that I don't have to put on a stifling hot collar and coax (bribe) my children into itchy smocked clothing when they'd rather be in swim suits. I look forward to those lazy summer Sundays as much as the next person, and maybe more!

Sometimes, though, I get the idea that people don't come to church in the summer because they feel like there's nothing going on. Especially prevalent seems to be the sense that "there's not anything at church for my children after Sunday School ends." If this is your impression, let me assure you otherwise. First of all, on a very practical note, I want to take the chance to invite you to join us for a new offering, "Lego my Bible," on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 throughout June and July. These sessions will

help our young people literally "build" their faith using everyone's favorite toy bricks to learn some of the classic stories of the Bible. Beyond this, though, there is an important opportunity the more relaxed summer church schedule provides for people of all ages simply to enjoy being together.

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I think of old Mr. Perkins, who was all but crippled by arthritis, but who somehow managed to spend a whole week stooped over in his kitchen before the annual church 4th of July picnic making hundreds of his famous cream puffs to share with his youngest friends.

I think of the intoxicating smell of the honeysuckle that lined the empty lot behind our church where all of us children would run the minute summer services ended. I remember the games of tag, king of the mountain, and dodgeball I played with the other kids. I remember the parents who braved the intense Mississippi heat to watch us and make sure no one got killed.

I think of the marine biologist, who, after learning I'd been stung by a Portuguese Man of War at the beach, stopped me on my way to youth group one August evening and took the time—an entire hour, as it turned out—to tell me all about the various types of jellyfish. I never made it to youth group that night, but Jim and his family have remained my lifelong friends. They were at the hospital the day my father died. They helped me when I closed my parents' house. I wept with them after their daughter, my closest childhood friend, succumbed to inflammatory breast cancer just months after her fourth baby was born.

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*Photo: Registration for Camp Mikell Summer Camps is now open. See pg. 3 for more details.*

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays @ 10 am

### BIBLE STORY & CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

2 K & 3K, Downstairs

Teachers

Mary Robinson,  
Walker & Tori Stewart

### GODLY PLAY I

4K - K, Downstairs

Teachers

Suzanne Shippen and  
Karen Baxley

### GODLY PLAY II

1st - 3rd Grade, Upstairs

Teachers

Elizabeth McCain and  
Helen Stewart

### GODLY PLAY III

4th-5th Grade, Upstairs

Teachers

Laura Evans and Vicky Cork

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### Sunday Mornings

### @ 9:30

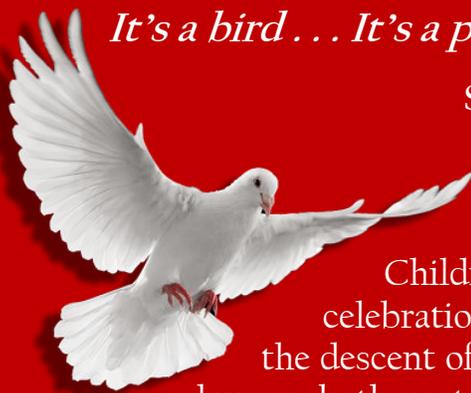
### Throughout June & July



# my Bible

Join us for some faith building fun each Sunday in June and July at 9:30. Children of all ages, their families and the "young at heart" are welcome. We'll tell classic Bible stories using everyone's favorite toy bricks, then have a chance to make our own creations. Parents, you are welcome either to stay and have fun or to enjoy some "down time" at Coffee Hour. Questions? Please contact the Rev. Julia Mitchener ([jbomitchener@gmail.com](mailto:jbomitchener@gmail.com)).

### *It's a bird . . . It's a plane . . . No, it's the Holy Spirit!*



Sunday School Pentecost Celebration,  
May 15 @ 10 a.m.  
The Great Hall

Children and families are invited to join in a celebration of Pentecost, the day when we mark the descent of the Holy Spirit onto all of Christ's followers, both past and present. We'll enjoy storytelling, singing, crafts, Lego play and a birthday cake for the Church. You won't want to miss this special occasion. Don't forget to wear red!

*Note: This will be the last official day for Sunday School until the fall. Please join us for special "Lego my Bible" programs for children of all ages, Sunday mornings at 9:30 throughout June and July.*

## EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



**HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECOGNITION: Sunday, May 1, 11 am** -All graduating high school seniors are asked to send the following information to the church office: full name, high school, college/university and/or other plans for next academic year. Youth will take even more active roles in leadership during the services that day, and Senior Ginny Anne Pinson will preach.

**NEW DRIVERS PRAYER: Sunday, May 1, 11 am** - All new drivers are invited to join us for a special prayer and blessing as they take on the exciting responsibility of operating motor vehicles.



The campers who come to Mikell and all of us involved with the summer program know that Mikell is simply awesome. If you are a part of the Mikell family, we welcome you back again this summer. If you haven't been to Mikell before, give us a

try. We would love nothing more than to have you as a part of our family. The Summer Staff and Counselors are counting the days until summer starts, the Deans are preparing their programs, the excitement is in the air, and all we need now is YOU!! The price of camp includes A Mikell summer T-shirt, canteen each day, one copy of the camp picture, 10 emails to your camper per session, and unlimited access to view photos of your camper.

### 2016 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

**Mini Camp-** Rising 1st and 2nd Graders- May 27 - 29 - \$350.00 *includes cost for camper and parent/guardian.*

**Youth Camp-** Rising 10th-Just Graduated- June 5 - 11 \$450.00

**Performing Arts Camp-** Rising 4th-9th Graders- June 12 - 18 \$450.00

**Intermediate Camp -** Rising 8th and 9th Graders- June 19 - 25 \$450.00

**Junior Camp -** Rising 6th and 7th Graders- June 26 - July 2 \$450.00

**Kid Camp-** Rising 3rd-5th Graders- July 10 - 16 \$450.00

**Work Camp-** Rising 10th Grade - Just Graduated- July 18 - 23 \$350.00

**Guest Camp-** Children, Adults, and Families of all Ages- September 02 - 05

Contact Amanda, [706-886-7515](tel:706-886-7515) or [amanda@campmikell.com](mailto:amanda@campmikell.com) for more information.

### OUTDOOR CAMPS

**Outdoor Junior-** Rising 6th and 7th Graders- May 31 - June 5 \$430.00

**Outdoor Intermediate-** Rising 8th and 9th Graders- May 31 - June 5 \$430.00

**Outdoor Youth-** Rising 10th Graders - Just Graduated- June 12 - June 18 \$465.00

## CREAM PUFFS, HONEYSUCKLE, JELLYFISH AND THE GREAT EXODUS (CONTINUED)

So when Memorial Day rolls around, if you find yourself thinking church is out of session for the next three months, think again. Take time for an extra cup of coffee on those lazy summer Sundays, but then come on over to 582 Walnut Street. You don't have to get yourself or your kids all gussied up. Just come. Relax. Breathe deeply. There is nowhere else you have to be, nothing else you have to do. If you feel so inclined, try sitting by someone you don't know and then spend a few minutes as a family chatting with that person after the service. Let your children run wild on our gorgeous front lawn, give them time to climb a tree with friends and linger over cookies and lemonade with folks of all ages. You may not know for many years how these experiences of simple, unstructured fun and fellowship impact their spiritual lives. Studies actually show that today's youth are far more likely to develop a strong faith through their relationships with other Christians than through all the Sunday School classes and child-friendly worship services in the world.

See you this summer!

The Rev. Julia B. Mitchener

## WEEKLY EVENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sundays @ 10 am**

*Youth meet at 10 am in the EYC room to catch up, pray, share, and learn together. This is a great way to prepare for confirmation.*

## PRAYER BREAKFAST

**Tuesdays**

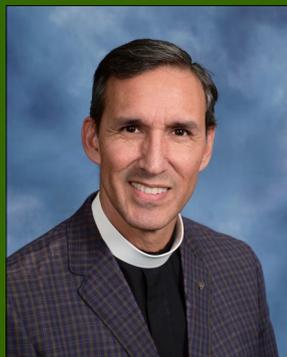
**@ Jittery Joe's  
Mercer Village**

**7 am**

**Thursdays**

**@ Chick-Fil-A  
on Zebulon Rd.**

**6:30 am**



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*The Holy Family,  
1618-1682,  
Bartholomé Esteban Murillo –  
The Louvre, Paris France*

## FROM THE DEACON

### “The other side of Easter”

Back before Ben and I attended seminary, we would spend our spring and fall breaks at a flat in the 5<sup>th</sup> in Paris. In all the years we spent back and forth, my French never really improved. But, I did manage to spend a lot of time around the Beau Arts. This is when I met Murillo during my visits to the Louvre. I got to know more about his art of street life of the poor and little about his interpretation of religious life of the church.

Sometime later when Ben and I were in Madrid, I ran into Murillo again with his works in Museo de Prado’s collection. With my love and self education of his works, I feel as though I can recognize his art anywhere. This past Easter Sunday I had lunch with Jeff and Nancy White and their family. The moment I arrive at their home, Jeff handed me a copy of the Wall Street Journal’s Review section. He wanted to share an interesting article by James Martin about Easter. And, what do you know? One of my favorite works by Murillo was plastered all over the front page. The caption pasted across the print of the art was, “The Challenge of Easter”. This article is, very much, an interesting read about the commercialism of Easter, or the lack there of.

But, let’s talk more about my journey with Murillo. Shortly after moving to Macon, I was offered the opportunity to serve as a docent at the Hay House. The moment I stepped into the art gallery to learn about the home, I almost fell to the floor when I saw Murillo’s “The Holy Family”. I first thought how did that get here? The last time I saw that painting, it was in Louvre. But, alas, it is a fine art commission; and a good one. But, I noticed that the God figure is missing from the family. When the Johnston family commissioned the art, they had the artist leave that out. That’s funny. When Murillo painted this masterpiece during the Baroque period, Murillo’s placing of the God figure above the family kind of hinted at the Trinity and gave question to that relationship. Just one art generation later during the Neoclassical and Romanticism period, the very same painting is commissioned leaving out the God figure. Some say the original gave God too much of a human content. See how simple interpretation of art can offer different views of our Christianity. No wonder we struggle so much with the scriptures themselves.

That’s got me to thinking about our ongoing challenge of Easter: not so much about the commercialism. But, I wonder what are we called to do on the other side of Easter? John’s Gospel for the last Sunday of Easter (John 17:20-06) helps us to discover a call as we venture into Pentecost. This Gospel selection is actually a prayer. I can’t think of a better way to end a moment in time than in prayer. I do wonder, is Jesus praying for us or giving us a message in this prayer? Whatever the case, this prayer can serve to guide us into the adventures of Pentecost. Of all the themes of this prayer, it seems to end with a call to Love. That’s what we can look for on the other side of Easter; LOVE.

Grace and Peace  
Deacon Arthur W. Villarreal

## ASSET BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRAINING



Saturday, May 7 from  
8:30 am – 4 pm  
in the Great Hall

Clergy, vestry members, and Outreach leaders of the Middle Georgia Convocation are invited to an introduction to and training on Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD is a way of engaging our communities by building relationships that allow us to all join together so that we may all identify, understand, and work to meet the needs of our neighborhoods. Everyone has gifts and talents (assets) that we can offer each other. Identifying and sharing these assets leads to strengthening our communities and opens us to new opportunities to “love like Jesus.”

The training will include a light Continental breakfast, snacks, and a light lunch.

*Please contact Barbara Windom at 478 719-6458 for additional information or to register.*



**Training Session &  
Train the Trainers Session**

**Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am**

hosted by  
**St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
In the Walter Harris Room**

*(Please enter the basement level from the parking lot)*

Appleton Episcopal Ministries will sponsor both a Safeguarding God's Children Training and a Train the Trainers session on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Macon, beginning at 10:00 am. The Reverend Deborah Silver will lead the sessions.

Coffee, snacks, and a light lunch will be provided. The Train the Trainers session will certify persons to lead and facilitate Safeguarding God's Children training sessions necessary for Sunday School teachers, Vestry members, Vacation Bible School teachers and assistants, camp leaders, youth leaders and chaperones, campus ministry personnel, and Path to Shine tutors.

All persons wishing to attend the Train the Trainer session must attend the morning Safeguarding session as well, even if you have already completing the Safeguarding God's Children Training.

There is no cost for these training sessions, but please email or call Missioner Julie Groce to register. Julie may be contacted at 478-731-5901 or emailed at [missioner@appletonepiscopal.org](mailto:missioner@appletonepiscopal.org).

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Alice, Andrew, Arthur, Bailey, Barbara, Betty, Beverly, Bill, Bill, Bill, Carmen, Carolyn, Charlie, Cloyd, Crawford, David, Doris, Eddie, George, George, Jack, Jeffery, Lynn, Malinda, Margaret, Mary, Molly, Nina, Paula, Peggy, Ron, Russ, Sandy, Scott, Sparky, Susan, Alan, Colin, Ed, Felecia, Gail, Henry, Irene, Joan, Lucille, Maddox, Matthew, Quinn, Ray, and Suzanne.



We pray for all those who serve in the military especially, Austin, Brian, Caylee, Charlie, George, Owen, & Terry. We pray for our Staff, Vestry, & Search Committee; for Jeff White, our Parish Commission on Ministry, and for all those discerning God's presence & purpose in their lives, that they may take the next faithful step. We pray for those who are preparing to graduate this spring and for the students & staff of St. Marc's School in Trouin, Haiti. We pray for the tired and lonely; for those affected by severe weather, natural disasters, civil unrest, and violence throughout the world. We pray for the wholeness of the Anglican Communion.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

*“LIVING THE  
RESURRECTION:  
Embracing Hope in an  
Age of Anxiety”*

**MAY 1**

*Hope in Macon*

*Join fellow parishioners Michael Caputo, GPB Macon Bureau Chief, and Trish Whitley, Director of Development at Historic Macon, as well as Deacon Arthur Villarreal, as they discuss their sense of hope and challenge for our city.*

**MAY 8**

*Helping Your Children  
Handle Fear*

*Join parishioner Dr. Andrea Meyer Stinson, Clinic Director of the Mercer Family Therapy Center, as she discusses how we can assist our children in developing the critical life skill of resilience.*

**MAY 15**

*Documentary film  
“Weapons of the Spirit.”*

*View excerpts from Pierre Sauvage’s masterful film about the village of Le Chambon-sur-Lignon, France, whose residents moved beyond their fears to protect thousands of Jewish refugees from extermination during World War II.*

## MUSIC MINISTRY

New Children’s Choir: I am pleased to announce that there will be a new musical offering beginning in September for children. The *Novice Choir* will be a training choir for children in Kindergarten (possibly pre-K) and first grade, and all other new choristers. This choir rehearses every Wednesday afternoon during the program year (September–May). Each Chorister will be introduced to the Royal School of Church Music curriculum (RSCM) where they will learn basic musicianship and voice training skills. In addition, this choir will learn various elements and symbols of the church, creeds, prayers, as well as social etiquette and communication skills. Novice Choristers are presented in the annual Whiting Ceremony at the conclusion of the choir year, during which time Choristers receive their cottas as a sign of their personal achievement and commitment to the music ministry of Christ Church. More detailed information on how to register will be presented during the coming months. Feel free to contact Jonathan anytime with questions or comments.



The *Christ Church Choristers* will continue to meet on Wednesdays and will now consist of children who are returning choristers from the previous season and for any child currently in second through seventh grades. They will continue their studies of musicianship and vocal training set forth in the RSCM curriculum. Choristers will regularly present musical offerings within our Sunday Choral Eucharist throughout the year. I want to personally thank each chorister and their parents for a successful and rewarding year. I am very much looking forward to next season.

Summer Choir Opportunity: It’s almost time to begin our summer worship schedule and I would like to invite you to join us in singing for the 10:30 Eucharist. There will be one rehearsal per week on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the loft. Our summer choir schedule will begin on Sunday, June 5.

If you are interested in participating or would like more information about any of the musical offerings mentioned above please contact Jonathan Poe, Organist/Choirmaster by email at [jonathan@christchurchmacon.com](mailto:jonathan@christchurchmacon.com) or by phone 478-745-0427 ext. 134.

Jonathan Poe  
Organist/Choirmaster

## MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: LOAVES & FISHES MINISTRY

The Ministry of the Month for May is Loaves & Fishes of Macon, one of the oldest 501(c)(3) charities in Macon celebrating its 50th birthday in the near future. It originally started in the basement of Tattnall Square Presbyterian Church, but now operates the Jack Steppe Day Life Service Center at 651 MLK Jr. Boulevard. It provides supportive services to the working poor and homeless population in the Middle Georgia area. It makes available groceries from its Pantry to almost 250 families each month and clothing from its Closet to over 150 children and adults in need each month. In addition, it provides sack lunches to the hungry every Tuesday, totaling over 650 lunches each month. Clients can also utilize the free laundry and shower facilities when in need and can receive personal hygiene kits at the same time. Assistance is also provided to our clients for emergency prescription needs as well as obtaining birth certificates and Georgia ID's. Loaves & Fishes also partners with other service providers and community agencies to ensure that all appropriate programs and services are readily accessible to those in need. Our Donors and Volunteers help make all of this possible. Items needed at the Day Life Center include the following:

Soap and Shower Gel  
 Sample Size of Mouthwash  
 Small Deodorants  
 Baby Wipes  
 Men and Women Fall Clothing & Coats  
 Men's Shoes



Small tubes of Toothpaste  
 Razors  
 Feminine Hygiene Needs  
 Diapers & Pull ups: sizes 3,4,and 5  
 New Underwear for All  
 Cleaning Supplies, Detergent & Bleach

Of course, there are many volunteer opportunities in the Day Life Center; please call Judy Sexton (741-1007) if interested.

Monetary donations of any size are most welcome and helpful.

### *Christ Church May Fair Benefiting Loaves and Fishes*

Wednesday, May 18  
 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Come one, come all, for some end of the school year fun at Christ Church! We'll have dinner on the lawn catered by Satterfield's, including pulled pork, slaw, potato salad, hushpuppies, hot dogs, mac and cheese, and an ice cream sundae bar.\* Games and attractions will include bingo, a giant inflatable slide, a bouncy house for toddlers, a clergy dunk tank, face painting and more. Cost for the meal is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child, with a maximum of \$30 per family. A free will offering will be taken to help support the Loaves and Fishes feeding ministry in Macon.

*\*If you can, please help us with a head count by calling the church office to let us know you plan to attend.*



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## HAITIAN HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT

*Tuesday, May 17 @ Healy Point Country Club  
Lunch @ Noon, Shotguns Start @ 1 pm.  
Tickets: \$75 in advance or \$80 the day of  
Contact: Preston Aldridge 474.5365*

*The Deadline for Newsletter Submissions is 3rd Monday of each month.*

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## Summer Worship Schedule Begins

SUNDAY, MAY 29

SERVICES HELD AT 8 AM & 10:30 AM

