

## **The Feast of the Holy Cross Celebrated on The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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## **Wednesday Healing Eucharist Now at 6:00pm**

*From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body... - Galatians 6:17*

Grace and peace, friends!

We are in the midst of one of the most busiest seasons on the campus of Holy Cross in recent memory. It is both a joy and a challenge.

Tomorrow we will commend two loved ones and beloved parishioners into the arms of God. We will celebrate the life of our community with a grand picnic on Sunday. On Monday, we will host a book event with nationally recognized author and leader in children and family ministry. Next Saturday, we will host women from around the

Diocese for a day long annual conference. In two weeks, the women of the parish will go on retreat together for rest, renewal, and spiritual development. And then on October 8th, we will bless animals and pets in honor of St. Francis.

Wow.

I am so very grateful for the life of this community. For the love and care we show one another. For the grace fills the space between us. It is a profound and humbling experience to witness the growth of this community over the course of the past year and a half. My prayer is that we will continue to be good stewards of one another and our common life together. I also pray that we will grow in stature in our community, becoming of beacon of grace and light, healing and hope, in Simpsonville and beyond.

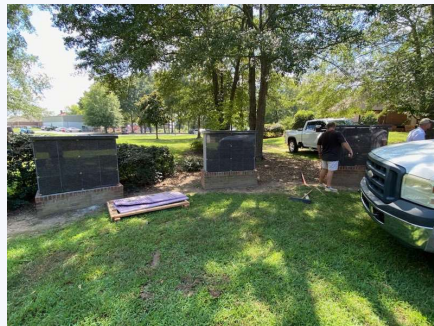
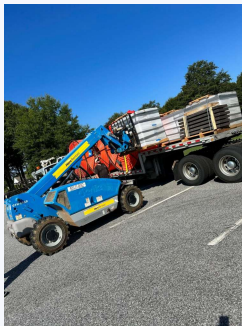
Share the Good News. Invite your neighbor and friend. They just might find a home here at Holy Cross.

## **BAPTISM**

The next scheduled opportunity for baptism will be on the Feast of All Saints, which will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5th. If you are interested in receiving the sacrament of baptism, if you have a family member you would like receive the sacrament of baptism, or if you have questions about baptism in the Episcopal tradition, please contact me. We will have 1 or 2 gatherings in late October to prepare for the service.

May God continue to do a good work in and through you.

Peace,  
Dorian+  
[rector@holycrossep.org](mailto:rector@holycrossep.org)



Many thanks to Drayton Gaillard, Dennis DeFrancesco, and Greg Farley for their work in overseeing the completion of the Columbarium and the final niche installation in the Memorial Garden. All units are now installed. This is a great gift to the community and people of Holy Cross, the families who have loved ones interred in the Columbarium, and to all who seek solace and prayer on our campus in this holy space. It is indeed holy ground.

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# HOLY CROSS DAY PICNIC SUNDAY - SEPT 17

Bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. Hamburgers and hotdogs provided. Come one, come all! Invited a friend or neighbor to experience the grace of God in the community that is Holy Cross.

## Training for Lector/Intercessor/Eucharistic Minister

September 16th (Saturday) at 10:00am

September 24th (Sunday) at 2:00pm



This training is for all who currently serve and all who are interested in serving during the liturgy in these roles. The training will last no longer than one hour, and you only have to attend one training (offering two for flexibility).

This will be a full update, covering the details of the whole of the liturgy, including processions, handling the chalice, where to stand at different times, etc. The training will also include practical details on reading scripture and prayers.

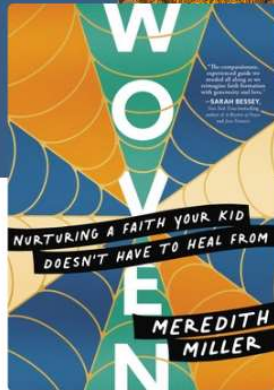
If you have questions or are interested in serving in this ministry, please contact Father Dorian.

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# WOVEN

*Nurturing a Faith your Kid  
Doesn't Have to Heal From*

A FREE parenting event with  
Meredith Miller in Greenville, SC



SEPTEMBER 18TH  
6:30-8:30 P.M.

HOLY CROSS  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
205 E. COLLEGE ST.  
SIMPSONVILLE, SC 29681

Learn more about Meredith Miller and her book *Woven* at:  
[www.meredithannemiller.com](http://www.meredithannemiller.com)

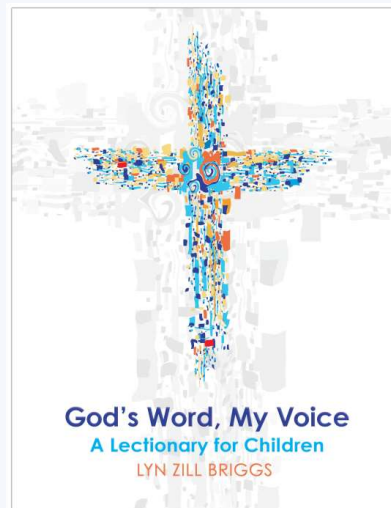
Sign up for Meeting the Author

## Children's Chapel

**During the 10:30am service**

We are shifting our Chapel habit. Children will begin in the church with their families. Please do **NOT** drop children off at the chapel prior to the service.

At the Sequence Hymn, prior to the Gospel, children will be led from the church to Children's Chapel by either an acolyte or verger. They will return to their families at the Peace.



## FAITH FORMATION ON SUNDAYS

**Beginning This Sunday! Sept 10th**

Coffee at 9:15am, Formation 9:30-10:15am





## ADULT FORMATION

Who is God? What is God's nature? Does the Trinity even really matter? What is the deal with evil? Atonement, Incarnation, Ecclesiology... what do these funny words mean and why are they important?

Beginning on Sept 10, we will learn why theology is important, how it can shape our lives, how theology has developed over history, and how it relates to being Episcopalian. And Father Dorian has a co-teacher this year. We welcome Dr. Jason Smith to our teaching team.

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## YOUTH: Faith Lens

Grades 6-12

How do you see the world? How do you make sense of everything going on in the world? How does God fit into it all? Through the stories of scripture and the stuff of culture, let us explore it all together.

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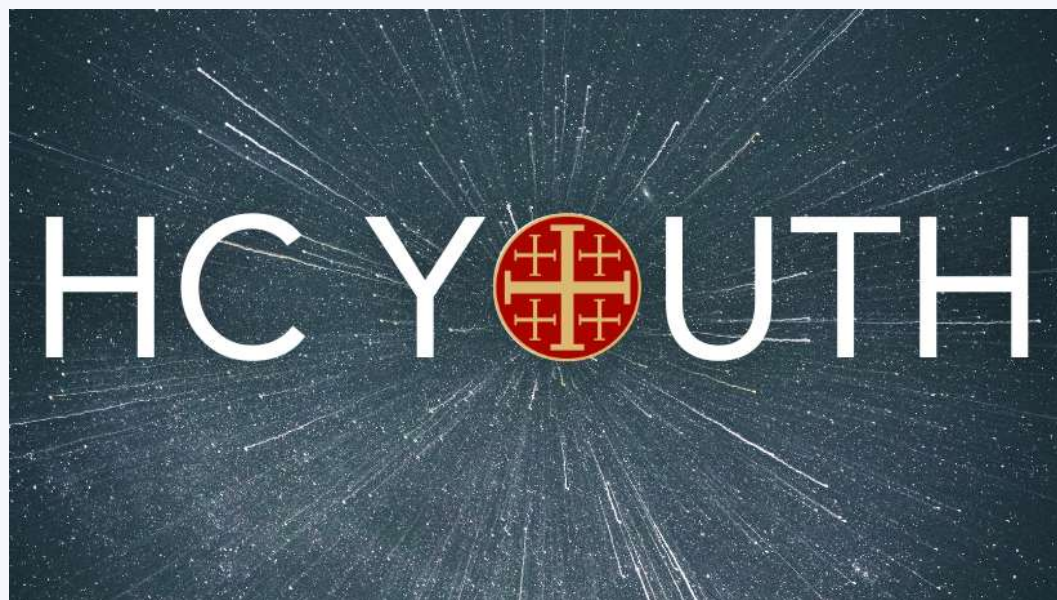
## StoryMakers!

5K through 5th Grade

We will explore stories from Genesis and Exodus this year, as well as seasonal themes like Advent, and we begin with Joseph the Dreamer.

The Dreamer is a 10-week series all about Joseph! In this adventure, storymakers will walk in the footsteps of Joseph, imagine the land of Egypt, and watch God at work making something good out of the impossible. Each chapter offers six opportunities to engage with the lesson. StoryMakers will enjoy visuals, interactive storytelling, fun facts, thoughts to ponder, and hands-on activities.

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**EYC: HC Youth Group**

## Sundays at 5:00pm



**LEAF: SEPT 24th,  
4:30 pm-6:30 pm**

LEAF is a semi-regular gathering of the upstate Episcopal youth groups. In September, we will gather at St. Peter's on Hudson Rd (Eastside Greenville). Stay tuned for more details.

There will also be Diocesan retreats and gatherings throughout the year. These are great events to connect with youth across the Diocese. More info to follow soon!

## THINGS OF INTEREST



### On Holy Cross Day

By the Rev. Ian Lasch

[Click on the image or the title.](#)

A profound story of grace involving my godson, Elias, and his father (my good friend, the Rev. Ian Lasch). I may have shared this in the past, but it bears sharing again on the occasion of our feast day, the Feast of the Holy Cross.



### Finding Beauty in the Struggle

An Interview with Esau McCaulley on his new book, *How Far to the Promised Land*

[Click on the image or the title.](#)

There are few writers today who as insightfully comment upon so wide an array of theological and social issues as Esau McCaulley. Whether it be his regular editorial in the *New York Times*, or articles in the *Atlantic* and *Christianity Today*, McCaulley has the audacity to talk about God amid debates about poverty, racism, family, and identity. He is a public witness to faith and its significance for everyday life, both personally and corporately, testifying to a faith that stands firmly in the public square without devolving into partisan rancor.

**Holy Cross Families with Young Children  
Next Family Meal will be Sunday, October 8th.**





Holy Cross  
Families  
with Young  
Children



Email Sign Up

Would you like to be a part of a growing group of families at Holy Cross who have children from birth to 5th grade? Our next family meal will be on Sunday, October 8. We're still looking for a host who can coordinate the meal for us (you don't have to host it at your house). Let us know if you are interested! Scan the QR code to sign up for our email list!

<< Sign up for our email list here!



## Daughters of the King Upper South Carolina

**Diocesan Assembly of Upper South Carolina  
Fall Assembly  
September 23, 2023  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Holy Cross Episcopal Church  
205 College Street  
Simpsonville, SC 29681**

**\$25**

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**Registration is now open for the Fall Assembly. Father Dorian will be speaking on Evangelism, we will worship, and will have a program on the labyrinth after the business meeting. Registration will close on September 19, 2023.**

**If you would like to pay by check for the Fall Assembly, please email Cai Armstrong at [dokdusctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:dokdusctreasurer@gmail.com) with your lunch selection and Cai will email you back the mailing address and any instructions.**

**Please email Cai Armstrong at [dokdusctreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:dokdusctreasurer@gmail.com) after you pay for your ticket with your name, email address, and**

reference Holy Cross – St Clare chapter. Also, please choose your meal selection (sandwich or salad, not both) from the choices below and notify Cai of any food allergies or special needs.

**Sandwiches:**  
**Chicken Salad**  
**Turkey**  
**Ham**

**Bread choices: croissant, white sub or whole wheat; Lettuce, tomato and provolone, condiments on the side.**

**Salads:**

**Greek (chickpeas, pepperoncini, feta, lettuce, tomato, cucumbers, onion, olives and a red wine vinaigrette)**

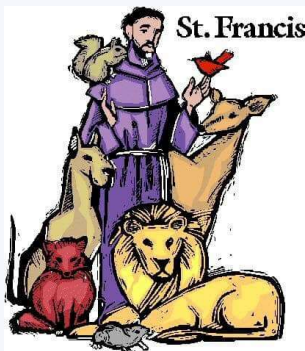
**or**

**Strawberry Glazed Pecan (mixed greens, strawberries, pecans, gorgonzola cheese and a brown sugar balsamic dressing)**

**Lunch comes with chips, 2 cookies and a sweet tea, unsweetened tea or water.**

[Fall Assembly Registration](#)

**Save the date!! St. Francis Blessing of the Animals**  
**October 8th at the Pavilion**  
**3:30pm Interment of Pet Remains**  
**4:00pm Blessing of the Animals**



Celebrate the feast of Blessed St. Francis! Everyone is welcome: people, dogs, cats, birds, bunnies, horses, hamsters, gerbils, lizards, snakes, squirrels, raccoons, opossums, ferrets, sugar gliders, and more! Invite your neighbors and friends! Open to the community!

**Contemporary Music for**  
**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

"Lead Me To The Cross" by Brooke Fraser  
"Goodness of God" by J. Johnson, E. Cash, J. Ingram, B. Fielding, B. Johnson

## "Glory to God Forever" by Steve Fee



We will also sing hymns:  
H 473-Lift high the cross  
H 490- I want to walk as a child of the light

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## PRESENTATION HYMN

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
 who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
 with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.



## Lift Every Voice and Sing!

Psalm 68:4– *Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!*

Our regular Thursday choir rehearsals will resume on August 31 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary.





If you are interested in participating in this ministry, or would like some more information, please contact Walter Hundt at [walterhundt@gmail.com](mailto:walterhundt@gmail.com).

## SIT N' STITCH



Every Thursday after Gentle Yoga, at 11:00 am, we would like to welcome all crocheters, knitters, and needleworkers to join us in the Library for some crafty fellowship.  
Hope to see you there!



### **Announcement: A Support Group for Those Experiencing Loss**

On the **second** Saturday of every month, at 11:00 am, Holy Cross will offer a support group for those who are experiencing a loss and would find it beneficial to be in fellowship and share feelings in an effort to find comfort, solace, strength, and hope to move forward. The loss experienced can be any loss that is painful, difficult to express and cope with. This could be loss through death of loved ones (including pets), loss of relationship, loss of job, loss of residence,

health issues, etc. The group will be a support group and is not group therapy. Participation is voluntary and requires no fee. At present, the group will be facilitated by Bobbie Godwin, a Licensed Professional Counselor, who has experience with support group participation and format. The meetings will be held in the Meeting Hall to the left of the pavilion. If you are interested, please contact Father Dorian or Bobbie Godwin (843.287.3760).

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## **Faith in Action**

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**BLOOD DRIVE- SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 24TH,  
12PM-3 PM  
GIVING = LIVING**



# DOUBLE *your* IMPACT

September is Sickle Cell Disease, Blood Cancer, and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

## Holy Cross Episcopal Church Simpsonville

205 E. College Street  
Simpsonville, SC 29681

09/24/2023 | 12:00 PM–05:00 PM

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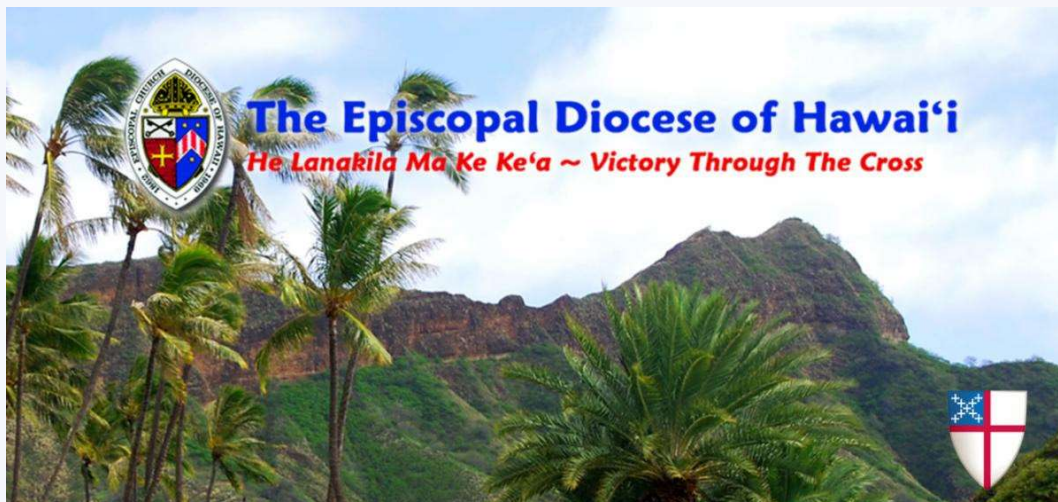
The Blood Connection is a non-profit organization. Blood can be donated every 56 days. Donors must be 16 years or older and over 150 lbs. to donate. Parental consent required for 16 year olds in SC and GA, 18 AND 17 year olds in NC. Before you donate blood, make sure that you drink plenty of water and eat a healthy meal. TBC Donor ID Card (optional) or photo ID required for donation. Gift cards and other incentives are non-transferable.  
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CONNECTION

Your Community Blood Center

Sign up sheets are on the Narthex bulletin board



The images and stories from the tragic wildfires in Maui have been heartbreaking and shocking. In addition, many parishioners have shared with me their memories from visits to Maui, including to local Episcopal parishes, such as Holy Innocents in Lahaina.

If you feel so inclined and are looking for a avenue to support the Maui and Lahaina communities, the Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii has provided us with helpful information.

The Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii is encouraging gifts to their local fund, A Cup of Cold Water (ACCW), that is supporting immediate diocesan relief efforts to the Lahaina fire disaster. Gifts to ACCW may be made by check to A Cup of Cold Water, 2140 Main Street, Wailuku, HI 96793; or online donations may be made through the diocesan website:

<http://www.episcopalhawaii.org>

In the drop-down, select ACCW or Bishop's Pastoral Fund.

In addition, Episcopal Relief and Development is also providing support. Donations may be given through their website:

<http://www.episcopalrelief.org>



### GOAL Update

In August 2022 Holy Cross joined with other congregations to push for social justice in Greenville County. This movement became GOAL, Greenville Organized for Accountable Leadership. Throughout 2022 and 2023 Holy Cross members gathered in homes and churches to help determine what social justice issues to address, find solutions, and make local leaders accountable. Our thanks to everyone who gave their time, prayers, and money to improve the lives of those in need. Below are the successes of our efforts, as stated by Aidan Workman, GOAL leader.

#### **Housing:**

At our Nehemiah Action, GOAL received commitments to work towards \$10MM a year for affordable housing, with at least one third for low income households. Since then, Greenville County passed a budget including **local dollars for affordable housing for the first time ever!** While the County is not yet at \$10MM annually, the budgeted \$5MM is an amazing step forward. This success is due to your showing up at the Nehemiah Action.

GOAL also followed up with city officials and has support from the mayor and several councilors to increase affordable housing spending to just over **\$8MM in the next budget!** The funding is not secured yet, but again, your presence at the Nehemiah Action is making these discussions possible.

#### **Mental Health:**

At the Nehemiah Action, GOAL asked attendees to contact Chairman Bruce Bannister, and because you followed through, GOAL met with him in April and secured his commitment to fully fund the 988 Crisis Care number in this



year's budget. With the State Budget now passed, we are excited that the funding is in place for 988 to have increased staffing and be able to answer the high volume of in-state contacts. Our mental health committee continues to work on next steps to ensure that 988 remains funded in future years. Thank you for your support!

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## Power P.A.C.K.S. 2023-2024 School Year



**Power P.A.C.K.S.**

**Pure Acts of Care and Kindness**

**Interested in a ride in the country? A nice Thursday afternoon drive to Hickory Tavern could be yours. We have a few spots left this year in November & December. Visit [https://holycrosseparish.ccbchurch.com/need\\_detail.php?need\\_id=218](https://holycrosseparish.ccbchurch.com/need_detail.php?need_id=218).**

**We welcome newcomers to our ministry – simply email *Jerry Schafetz* ([schafetz@outlook.com](mailto:schafetz@outlook.com)) or *Sue Storch* ([szst01@yahoo.com](mailto:szst01@yahoo.com)), or add your name to the Power PACKS group on CCB. Remember that items should be single serve, easy open, ready to heat and serve or ready to eat. Donations may be left in the hallway in the wagon marked for Power PACKS. Thank You.**

### **For the coming week, our needs include:**

**Entrée Items (single serve, easy open containers- we go through 160 per week)**

**Fruit (Canned or Plastic single serve containers – in water, please)**

**Vegetables (single serve, easy open containers)**

**Juice boxes or pouches**

**We are good with Snack and Breakfast items at this time.**



We truly appreciate your continued support of this vital ministry.



## James Monroe Mission House

The James Monroe Mission House in Fountain Inn is in need of non-perishable food items:

- +Canned meats and vegetables
- +Canned fruit
- +Boxes or bags of dry pasta
- +Bags of rice
- +Cereal, oatmeal, and breakfast foods

+Peanut butter

**There is a collection box in the Narthex. Thank you!**



## Education Equals Hope

Click the image or the title above to visit the E=H Donation page.

At the Donate page, you have a few options.

First: You can pick a preselected amount, or give an amount of your choosing.

Next: There is a dropdown menu titled, *My donation is for*, where you can select **Ecuador**.

You will then fill out fields for personal information, contact info, and credit/debit card info. You can give a one time donation or set up a recurring donation. Lauren and I have been giving monthly for years. I invite you to do the same. There is also an optional section where you can designate *In Memory of* or *In Honor of*.

Finally, the last field is a box for Comments. If you want to designate specifically for Cristo Liberador, this is where you can say that.

In the Narthex, just right of the Parish Hall, we have a display for E=H where there are QR codes that will lead you directly to giving pages for E=H, the Vivancos, and Brenda Martinez.

Thank you so much for your generosity in helping provide for the education of those living in desperate and difficult situations!



## **EPISCOCATS**

The Episcocats are a group of parishioners who feed local feral cats. They always need donations of food, time, and/or money. If this is something you feel led to provide or if you want to volunteer to help, it would be greatly appreciated! The big green food donation box is in the Reception room. Thank you!



## **Flower Dedications and Memorials**

**Dedications and Memorials are a wonderful way for parishioners to give thanks for the presence of God in our lives.**

**Dedications can be made for anniversaries, birthdays, ministries, and more.**

**Memorials are for all those whom we love but see no longer.**

**The cost for flowers is \$80.**

**This cost can now be shared, bringing the cost to \$40 for each.**

**The cost for a candle is \$15.**

**Reserve a Sunday by clicking the button below.**

[Purchase HERE](#)

## **Counseling Services offered by Holy Cross**

We are fortunate to offer the counseling services of Bobbie Godwin to Holy Cross members for a reduced fee of only \$50 per hour.



Bobbie is a SC Licensed Professional Counselor and SC Licensed Addictions Counselor with over 20 years of experience.

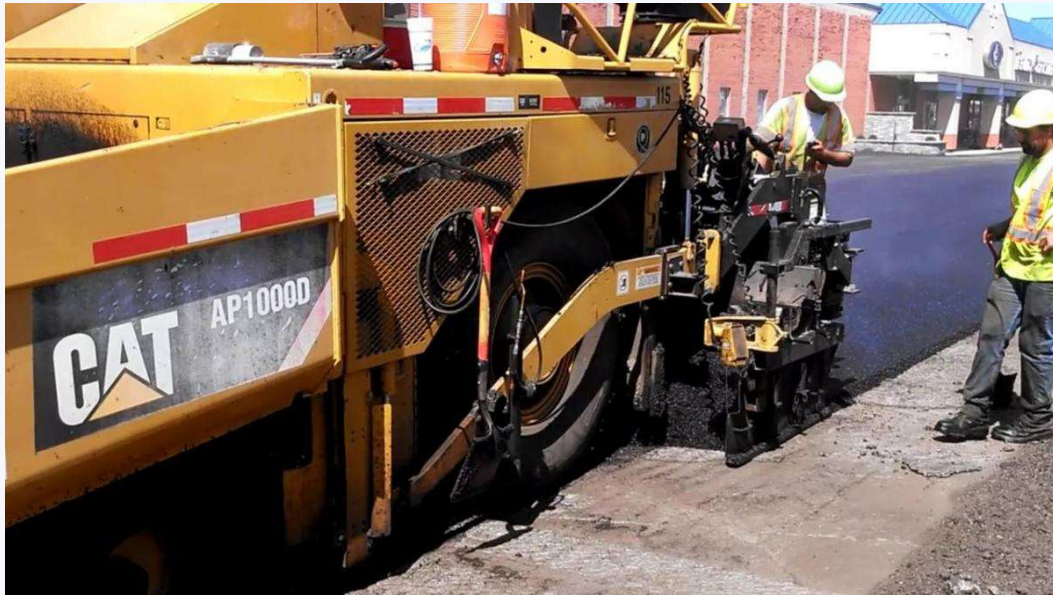
You can schedule an appointment with Ms. Godwin by contacting her directly at 843-287-3760.



If there is maintenance that needs to be done at the church, please use the button below that will take you to a form on CCB. A copy will be sent to Greg Farley (Junior Warden) and Tom Jones for action.



## Resurfacing of the Parking Lot- Coming Soon- September 26th



**We will be resurfacing the parking lot of the Holy Cross Campus on Tuesday, September 26th (weather permitting). We ask that you park over by the Academy or across the street from it. **You will not be able to use the parking lot at all that whole day.** This also includes the Meeting Hall. Please plan accordingly. Thank you!**

## FRIENDLY REMINDER- DONATIONS COMMITTEE

Holy Cross members, this is a friendly reminder that we have a donations committee consisting of; Greg Farley, Kerry Kelley, Tom Jones and Peggy Tollison. If you'd like to donate an item to Holy Cross, please contact one of us, and the committee will decide how or if your donation fits with our needs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated; however, we want to carefully manage our limited storage space and ensure it is used to support our needs and programs.

Many thanks, the Donations Committee

**Lynn Gilbode**  
Parish Administrator

Contact at: [parishadmin@holycrossep.org](mailto:parishadmin@holycrossep.org)

As a friendly reminder, please contact Lynn Gilbode at this new email. The secretary email is still active and is checked daily, however, you will receive a much more prompt response from Lynn when communicating via:  
[parishadmin@holycrossep.org](mailto:parishadmin@holycrossep.org)

**If you would like to submit anything for the weekly  
announcements please email  
[parishadmin@holycrossep.org](mailto:parishadmin@holycrossep.org)**

*Thank you!*

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