

St. John's Episcopal Church
1151 Elm Savannah Road
Hopkins, SC 29061
October, 2026

Dear Friends,

St. John's has had a busy and eventful 2026, and our hope is that 2027 will present us with many new opportunities for growth. Being without a priest does not mean that we will be without a purpose. St. John's will continue to be a place of hope and support for its members and the community. We are working to expand our Gadsden ministries. School supplies have been delivered to the school, and the Back Pack and Little Free Library ministries have begun. Plans are in the works to begin Christian formation programs for all ages in our congregation. Fellowship will continue with Bible studies, covered dish lunches, ECW activities, Homecoming, the oyster roast, and Easter celebrations. God definitely has a purpose for us – to love, nurture, and care for those in our congregation and community. Your support, presence at church, and participation are so appreciated and needed now more than ever. Together we can fulfill the purpose God has for St. John's, Congaree.

It is the time of year when we contact you regarding the coming year and the church's financial needs. St. John's wants to continue to grow during this time of transition; not only in numbers but also in our outreach ministries. It is important to give to the church so that our parish remains fiscally healthy and able to continue God's work. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you wish to express your thanksgiving for the gifts God has bestowed upon you through giving to St. John's in 2027.

Please fill out the enclosed pledge form and return it to the church by Sunday, November 1. You may send your pledge through the mail or put it in the collection plate at church. The Finance Committee and vestry will use this information to create a budget for 2027. Thank you for your continued support of God's purpose in our church through your faithful pledge.

"Our purpose, much like the mustard seed or the kingdom of heaven, is to be a sanctuary of God's love for the world's broken, and it is our blueprint and our prayer." (Rev. Katie Ayers, Sermon, 7/26/2026)

Many blessings,

Julie Claytor,
Stewardship Chair