

GUIDEBOOK TO MINISTRIES

– A CALL TO SERVE –

(2026–2027)

GALILEE



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'Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.' | 1 Peter 2:5

WHERE DO YOU FIT AT GALILEE?

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LEADERSHIP

Vestry
Comprised of twelve church members, the vestry oversees the temporal affairs of the parish. They have ultimate responsibility for the upkeep of our facility, maintain fiduciary responsibility for parish finances, and work with the clergy and the rest of the leadership team in discerning and implementing the mission God has for this parish. Vestry members serve three-year terms, and new members are selected each year at our Annual Meeting in February.

Diocesan Delegates
These members of the laity are selected by the rector and vestry and must be communicants in good standing. They are appointed to serve for one year and represent the parish at any Diocesan Council meeting which may occur during their term.

Finance Committee
This group, which includes a representative from the vestry, meets with the Parish Executive and Treasurer as needed to review the church's financial statements and, when required, makes financial recommendations for the vestry to act upon during their monthly meeting.

Stewardship Committee
This subcommittee of the vestry assists with the stewardship campaign in the fall of each year. Activities include helping organize announcements and keeping the vestry apprised of progress during the campaign. Members of the stewardship committee coordinate efforts with clergy and meet with the parish executive and treasurer as needed during the campaign.

Vestry Nomination Committee
This group is composed of four outgoing vestry members and four members from the parish (often prior vestry members or senior wardens) and is tasked with collecting and reviewing nomination forms. They recommend a slate of candidates to the clergy and vestry with the aim of achieving a vestry that is balanced with respect to demographics, experience, and ministry representation.

ADULT MINISTRY

Discipleship & Growth

Every year we offer specific courses to help you advance your faith journey: To grow not only in knowledge but also in your experience of the Lord. These extremely popular courses offer stimulating talks from the clergy and members of the congregation, warm fellowship, and a no-pressure environment in which you can ask hard questions and share with others. These courses are announced well in advance and typically occur during the winter months.

New for 2026-2027 we'll be offering adult formation classes on Sunday mornings. Some of these classes will require registration on the Galilee app. Stay tuned for information on these upcoming classes through our weekly email newsletter and Sunday service announcements and bulletins.

Alpha
One of our most popular offerings, Alpha is a ten-week series that introduces you to the basics of the Christian faith. While ideal for those who are taking their first steps, we've found that mature Christians also benefit—like having a theological/spiritual "tune-up." We'll feed you a delicious meal, give you an engaging talk, and allow you to process aloud in a small group. Alpha is a unique course: no pressure, no charge, and no judgment—all questions welcome.



Discipleship & Growth (cont.)

Douglass Patterson Speaker Series
The Douglass Patterson speaker series aims to bring speakers to Galilee who reflect our vision for Renewal, both in our community and among our own church family. Our 2027 speaker will be Dr. Rebecca McGlaughlin (PhD, Cambridge University). Rebecca is a widely published author and an expert on faith, the Bible and culture. She will speak at Galilee on February 4th, 2027.

Grief Share
A GriefShare group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week support group program, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. GriefShare group participants have repeatedly shared that they feel comforted and encouraged by being in a place where people truly understand what they're going through. And they feel a sense of relief when they're given guidance and tips on how to deal with the daily challenges.

Contact Ruth Wilkins | ruthn8r@gmail.com

Lenten Lunch Series
During Lent, Galilee hosts two opportunities for spiritual growth: our Wednesday Lenten Lunch or a gathering off-site where the same talk is provided in a small group setting. Each year the theme is different, but the goal is the same—to provide an hour in the middle of the week when we can come together and think deeply about our spiritual journeys.



Discipleship & Growth (cont.)

The Library

Centrally located near the main office on the first floor, the Galilee Library is a conference room with a wide and diverse array of titles and literature concerning prayer, theology, ancient history, archaeology, the Episcopal Church, and other books our clergy recommend.

The Marriage Course

Developing intimacy and drawing closer doesn't come easily for many couples. However, you really can always improve your marriage whether you've been married five years or fifty! This course teaches us how to communicate effectively, rekindle romance, and discover what it takes to thrive.



Contact Ruth Wilkins | ruthn8r@gmail.com

Newcomer Gathering

Led by the clergy, our quarterly welcome class is a great way to learn more about the mission, ministries, and connection opportunities available for you at Galilee. The Newcomer Gathering takes place in a casual setting and is a great way to meet others interested in getting involved and taking the next step of membership at Galilee.

Contact Ruth Wilkins | ruthn8r@gmail.com

Parenting

After Christmas, we'll offer a 6-week parenting course on Sunday mornings. This course uses the best of modern research on relationships and parenting, as well as timeless Biblical principles, to help you navigate the complexities of this journey!

Discipleship & Growth (cont.)

Prayer
Galilee offers a wide range of opportunities both to receive prayer and to provide prayer.

Paths for Prayer – Thursday mornings @ 8:45am in St. Andrew's Chapel:

- **Prayer of Examen – 1st Thursday**
  The Prayer of Examen is a daily spiritual practice of reviewing your day in the presence of God to notice where you felt His presence and where you fell short.

- **Soaking Prayer – 2nd Thursday**
  The purpose of Soaking Prayer is to allow God to minister to you directly in mind, body, soul, and spirit. This service is a time of silent, meditative prayer and scripture, "soaking" in the healing grace of Jesus Christ.

- **Contemplative Prayer – 3rd Thursday**
  Sometimes called "centering prayer" the goal is to release your worries, anxieties, and fears to God and replace them with the presence of Jesus.

- **Visio Divina – 4th Thursday**
  A 30-minute meditation using famous art, scripture, and the spoken word. Designed to quiet the soul and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart.

- **Evening Contemplative Prayer – Wednesdays @ 6:30pm**
  Our Contemplative Prayer evening edition. Sometimes called "centering prayer" the goal is to release your worries, anxieties, and fears to God and replace them with the presence of Jesus.

Discipleship & Growth (cont.)

Prayer (cont.)

Personal Prayer:

- Virtual Daily Morning Prayer: Join the Galilee clergy via Zoom for virtual daily morning prayer M-F from 8-8:15am
  Meeting ID: 889 5328 8973 / Passcode: 367801
  NOTE: On Mondays, following prayer, Fr. Buchanan offers a 30-minute, participatory Bible study on the upcoming Sunday readings via the same virtual link.
- Sundays post-communion in St. Luke's Chapel
- Prayer + Worship Service – 1st Tuesday each month from 6:45-8pm in the Sanctuary
- By Appointment – contact Fr. Nigel Mumford | lynn@byhiswoundsministry.org
- Intercessory Prayer List: Add yourself or a loved one by contacting Lindsay McCaw | 757.428.3573

Prayer Ministry Training:

- Offered once or twice a year with material from the School of Healing Prayer created by Christian Healing Ministries of Jacksonville, FL.
- The courses come in three, distinct levels:
  Beginner: Level 1
  Intermediate: Level 2
  Advanced: Level 3
- Introductory courses will be offered after Christmas and are led by qualified parishioners. Fr. Nigel will teach the advanced courses.



Guilds & Teams

Altar Flowers
This ministry organizes and coordinates with the Flower Guild the weekly memorial flowers behind the Lord's Table. Parishioners may memorialize family members or loved ones by making a financial contribution to the cost of the arrangements on any given week (except Christmas and Easter).



To bless others with your God-given horticultural gifts in His name or to offer Sunday altar flowers in memory or honor of a relative or friend, contact Cheryl Jordan at 757.407.1110.

Altar Guild
The Altar Guild has its roots in the most venerable practices of the earliest churches. And its purpose is to ensure that all the accoutrements necessary for elegant, liturgical worship are available and ready to go when the time comes. Duties include:

- Setting up the altar, The Lord's Table
- Preparing the bread and wine for the Holy Eucharist
- Filling the candles with oil
- Lighting the candles
- Polishing the brass and silver
- Caring for the special linens

Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Altar Guild (cont.)

Every function, from setting up the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist to decorating the church for Easter and Christmas, is designed to enhance the worship experience. Being part of the Altar Guild is also a unique opportunity for fellowship and learning the traditions of preparing the church for each service. Therefore, we are always actively seeking new members of all ages. Galilee provides all required training, and no previous experience is needed.

Contact Lori Heymann | 540.353.3090 | loriheymann87@gmail.com



Children's Craft Guild

Baptism/Banners, "Eggstravaganza!," Vacation Bible School, pumpkin-carvers, Christmas Pageant, etc.—this guild is for anyone who enjoys cutting, paint-pens, pasting, building, and doing numerous craft projects throughout the year. We firmly believe that each of us has a creative spark, so join us to grow in fellowship through various projects, which will bring joy to His youngest disciples.



Contact Lillie Tillar | lillietillar3@gmail.com

Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Flower Guild

The Flower Guild assists with beautifying our worship space with floral arrangements. No special skills are necessary to join the Flower Guild. Current members are eager to share their knowledge and artistry with other parishioners of any age who desire to learn and love to arrange natural beauty.



Contact Hannah Crenshaw | 757.572.1756
Hannah.i.crenshaw@gmail.com

Flower Power

Each week the altar flowers are transformed into smaller bouquets and delivered to hospitals, care facilities, or private homes by the Flower Power Team. A group of gifted parishioners break down and arrange the beautiful flowers from the altar; and, once re-arranged, they are delivered to parishioners.



Contact Mary Folck | 757.309.6904 or
Pat Baker | 757.619.8497

Funeral Reception Guild

The Funeral Reception Guild prepares light finger foods for receptions in Tucker Hall to follow occasional funerals at Galilee. This ministry is a wonderful way to support our families in their time of need.

Contact Joan Wagner | joanwagner67@gmail.com or
Lindsay McCaw | 757.428.3573

Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Golf Cart Ministry



Each Sunday this ministry transports people between the lower lot and the doors of the Church. Usual time commitment for serving is about 30 minutes.

Contact Bryant McGann | bryant.mcgann@gmail.com

Greeters



Greeters are the first faces most people will see when they come to Galilee. On any Sunday a Greeter will welcome attendees, answer questions, offer directions, invite newcomers to parish events, and share information about worship and Galilee programs. We even encourage families to volunteer as a greeter team—it's a fantastic way to introduce children to how Jesus instructs us to welcome and include all who come to worship.

Contact Debbie Brady | 757.428.5498 | debbiebrady@verizon.net

Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Hospitality Team
Galilee Church loves to eat together—especially home-baked goodies following some great Sunday worship! We catch up with our parish friends and make visitors and new members feel at home. Baking skills useful but not necessary!



Contact Ruth Wilkins | ruthn8r@gmail.com

Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM's) & Visitors
Eucharistic Ministers help the clergy distribute the bread and wine at a service of Holy Eucharist. In addition, Lay Eucharistic Visitors take the consecrated sacraments to parishioners who cannot attend church. These ministries provide the opportunity to serve the people of our church family with one of the most sacred aspects of our Anglican tradition. Galilee provides all required training, and no previous experience is needed.

Contact Gil & Gail Taylor | gilandgail@yahoo.com



Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Lectors (Bible Readers)



For 2,000 years Christians have read the Bible out loud as an integral part of their worship, and we still do this today. Lectors serve at all Sunday morning services, during Christmas, Holy Week, Easter, and more. Volunteers are sent their assigned readings in advance, so there is plenty of time to practice! This ministry is a way for anyone of any age to glorify God.

Contact Lindsay McCaw | 757.428.3573

New Baby Ministry



Our New Baby Ministry is all about supporting families as they welcome a new baby. We bring parents a homemade meal to make life a little easier during those first busy months. Along with the meal, we give them a gift bag filled with goodies to welcome their little one. Members of our team can help by preparing a meal for a family or signing up to deliver one. It's how we show families they're supported and loved by their church family.

Contact Bev Sessoms | bevsessoms@cox.net or
Lillie Tillar | lillietillar3@gmail.com

Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Nursery Guild



While children of all ages are welcome in our worship, we do have a clean and modern nursery and toddler space available for children upstairs. If you love children and have a nurturing spirit, we invite you to join us to continue this new way of engaging with our families.

Nursery Guild members are not seen as "babysitters" but rather are ministers of the Gospel: praying, loving, teaching, and caring for the youngest among us—the Christians of tomorrow.

We have experienced professional staff caregivers supported by Nursery Guild members on Sundays from 7:45am-12:30pm for families attending any of the three services offered. Anyone working with children, whether paid or as a volunteer, needs to undergo a background check and some "safeguarding" training, arranged by the Diocese.

Contact Lillie Tillar | lillietillar3@gmail.com

Offering Counters

Offering counters are an unseen but needed ministry at Galilee. Our offering counter team meets each Monday morning to count, record, and deposit the weekly offering collected during our church services.

Contact Robbie Berndt | robbie.berndt@galileechurch.net

Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Do you love to knit or crochet? Galilee's Prayer Shawl Ministry delivers hand-made shawls to parishioners in need: those undergoing medical procedures, as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress, suffering an illness, and so on. All ages are welcome to put their needles and hooks to good use, bringing some small joy to our neighbors. Volunteers may participate with the group on Mondays or by knitting on their own at home.

Contact Annie Alberi | 757.716.3260

Prayer Team

Open to those with much experience or none, training is offered periodically. You will be helped to understand and experience God's healing power in your life through prayer, while also teaching you how to pray for others.

Contact Lynn Mumford | lynn@byhiswoundsministry.org

Tender Loving Care (Meal Delivery)

Team members are assigned one week of the year to visit those who are ill or in need of support, often taking food and flowers. If your schedule does not permit time to cook, our freezer makes it possible for visitors to stop by the church to pick up ready-made dinners provided by those who love to cook but cannot visit.

Contact Christy Borjes | 703.851.5958

Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Ushers

Ushers are the smiling faces that you see when entering the sanctuary every Sunday morning before each of our three services. Usher responsibilities include:



- Passing out bulletins
- Guiding parishioners to the altar rail for Communion
- Recording how many parishioners attend each service
- Collecting the offering
- Helping anyone who needs assistance during worship

Ushers arrive early to be in place when congregants arrive and briefly stay after each service to tidy up. Galilee welcomes entire families to volunteer to usher—it's a beautiful way to introduce children to the privilege of hospitality and to teach them to care for others.

Contact Bill Richardson | 757.373.9198 or
Lindsay McCaw | 757.428.3573

Wedding Guild

Guild members assist the clergy by making sure the wedding day at Galilee runs smoothly. Members of the Wedding Guild are assigned to serve in pairs on a rotating basis by the Guild chair. Parishioners of all ages, including those recently married, are encouraged to join this significant and fulfilling ministry.



Contact Paige Crunk | 757.676.8082

Guilds & Teams (cont.)

Welcome Center
If you enjoy hospitality and helping others get connected, we'd love to have you on the Welcome Center team! Volunteers are asked to serve just 15 minutes before and after one Sunday service each month. Your role is easy: smile, greet people, answer simple questions, and help guests get connected and feel at home.

Contact Ruth Wilkins | ruthn8r@gmail.com







ADULT MINISTRY

Music



Music plays an important role in the life of Galilee, helping to raise our hearts and minds to God. Participation in this ministry offers countless opportunities for musical and spiritual growth. Join us to discover the joy of collaborative music-making! –as St. Augustine says, "He who sings, prays twice."

Contact our Organist & Choirmaster
Mary Dolch | mary@galileechurch.net

Adult Choir
The Adult Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7-9pm and Sundays at 10am. They sing at the 11am service each Sunday in addition to several other events and services throughout the year such as Lessons & Carols, Evensong, Compline, and more.



Music (cont.)

Bell Choir



The Bell Choir provides handbell music on a seasonal basis, including Christmas Eve.

Cherub Choir

Cherub Choir is for ages 5-7. They meet on Thursdays from 4:30-5pm in the choir room and sing for Sunday worship on occasion and on other special days, including Christmas Eve. We learn a lot by rote, the basics of healthy singing, solfege, reading music, and so much more!

Children's Choir

Children's Choir is for ages 8-12. They meet on Sundays in the choir room at 9am and return to the service during the Offertory. They sing for Sunday morning worship, typically once a month. They also join the adult choir for special occasions. This group delves deeper into music, using the Royal School of Church Musicians Curriculum.



Middle & High School Choir

The Middle & High School students rehearse in the choir room on Thursdays from 6-7pm, delving yet deeper into our music curriculum, singing together with the adult choir, and often helping the younger choristers.

Worship Team

The Worship Team meets at 7:30am in the choir room before serving at the 9:15am service each Sunday.

Contact Jennifer Gammill | jenniferfgammill@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF MUSICAL EVENTS
2026-2027

GALILEE CHURCH

CHORAL COMPLINE
Thurs. Sept. 24th 7:30pm

ALL SOULS REQUIEM
Gabriel Faure's Requiem
Sun. Nov. 1st 5:00pm

CHORAL COMPLINE
Thurs. Nov. 12th 7:30pm

TRANSCENDENCE CONCERTS
Fri. Nov. 13th 7:00pm
Sat. Nov. 14th 7:00pm

VIRGINIA CHORALE:
Sing We Nowell
Sat. Dec. 5th 7:00pm

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
Sun. Dec. 13th 5:00pm

CHORAL COMPLINE
Thurs. Jan. 28th 7:00pm

NORFOLK STATE CONCERT CHOIR
Sun. Feb. 21th 5:00pm

CHORAL COMPLINE
Thurs. April 15th 7:00pm

VIRGINIA CHORALE
*To The Sky!**
**Chuck Woodward's final VC concert*
Sat. April 17th 7:00pm

GALATEA
String Ensemble
Sat. April 24th 3:00pm

PENTECOST EVENSONG
Sun. May 16th 5:00pm

ADULT MINISTRY

Small Groups

Small group Bible studies/prayer groups are a fundamental building block of faith for many at Galilee. They offer a regular, reliable opportunity to grow in an environment of mutual support and to nurture friendships of substance.

Contact Ruth Wilkins | ruthn8r@gmail.com

Alice Rueger Circle

The Alice Rueger Circle meets six times per year (Oct | Nov | Dec and Apr | May | June) on the 1st Tuesday of the month from 10:30am-noon at the Princess Anne Country Club. Women of all ages are welcome to attend and enjoy fellowship, speakers, and the occasional field trip.

Contact Mary Dickinson | wadjrmd2@gmail.com

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

A small group of men whose goal is to bring men and boys to Jesus Christ through the disciplines of prayer, study, and service. This group meets on Saturdays from 6:45-8am.

Contact Richard Corner | rcorner@xigae.com

In It Together

Designed for parents and working adults (roughly 30's-50's) who are raising kids, building careers, and trying to stay grounded in their faith during one of life's busiest seasons. In It Together meets on Sundays at 10:20am.



Contact Marshall Everett | marshall.b.everett@gmail.com

Small Groups (cont.)

Men's Gathering

The Men's Gathering is designed to create the space for quiet reflection, time away from the burdens of daily life, conversations with other men of faith, and worship.

Contact Tony Zontini | tonyzontini@yahoo.com



Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Men's Prayer Breakfast is a weekly and much-loved opportunity for hearty, home-cooked food, laughter, and camaraderie with other Christian men, including prayer for the needs in our lives, church, nation, and world. Breakfast is followed by a presentation from a member of the group or Galilee's clergy. Join us on Wednesday mornings from 7-8:00am in Tucker Hall.

Contact Tony Zontini | tonyzontini@yahoo.com



Small Groups (cont.)

Roxann Jordan Circle
This group meets from September through June on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, typically at 4pm depending on programming, to enjoy fellowship and various speakers. Women of all ages are welcome!



Contact Cheryl Jordan | 757.407.1110

Women's Bible Study
The Women's Bible study is a vibrant, intergenerational group, which meets on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and Thursday mornings at 9:30am to study God's word together. Through teaching, fellowship, and prayer we seek to develop strong relationships with God and one another.

Contact Ruth Wilkins | ruthn8r@gmail.com or
Annabel Stiffler | annabelle.stiffler@yahoo.com



Small Groups (cont.)

Galilee Women



The Women's Retreat
The Women's Retreat provides an opportunity for the women of Galilee Church to gather, reconnect, and be refreshed, typically over a weekend in the Outer Banks with a guest speaker. Keep an eye out for this year's announcement.

Young Adult Gathering
Designed for those in their 20's and early 30's, this group meets on the last Monday of each month from 6:30-8pm at Fr. Andy's house for dinner and a time to connect with one another and to grow deeper in their relationship with God.

Contact Ruth Wilkins | ruthn8r@gmail.com



STUDENT MINISTRY

Our aim is to disciple, teach, and care for our students in such a way that they become life-long followers of Jesus! We believe that Jesus is "the way, the truth and the life" (John 14:6), but let's be honest, in today's world it can be confusing as to what the significance of Jesus and his life really are—particularly for High School students.

The world is demanding that High School students try to be a million different things: athletes, students, model citizens, have lots of friends, have the right friends, be good looking, go to the right school, get the right grades, and have the right opinions. In the midst of all this chaos Jesus really only wants us to be one thing: His beloved. The joy and beauty of this calling is that we are Jesus' beloved regardless of our imperfections and failures. Yet, Jesus makes it clear that we are not only to be loved by God, but we are also to love God in return; and, that if these things are true, then we will naturally love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40).

Contact Ezra Boswell | ezra@galileechurch.net or
Betty Michels | bettymichels23@gmail.com



High School and Middle School Groups

Acolytes



Acolytes assist the clergy during church services, provide structure for congregational worship, and add to the beautiful tradition we cherish at Galilee Church. It is a unique way to attend a service by being a part of it. We encourage all middle and high schoolers to join the ministry. We train as needed.

Contact Lillie Tillar | lillietillar3@gmail.com

Confirmation Group

Confirmation Group is for students 10th Grade and up and is a 10-month-long program that culminates in participating in Confirmation when the Bishop comes to Galilee. To be confirmed is to "express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." Our group is designed to give students an understanding of the Christian faith so that they can confidently say "yes" to following Christ for the rest of their lives.



High School and Middle School Groups (cont.)

High School Youth Group

Our High School Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7pm. The main purpose is fun, fellowship, and spiritual growth! One way of experiencing God's love is simply by having fun with others.





Middle School Youth Group

Our Middle School Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings from 4-5:30pm. We eat a snack, play some fun games, and then learn a lesson together from the life of Jesus Christ.



High School and Middle School Groups (cont.)

Retreats

Weekend retreats happen throughout the year and are a great opportunity for students to have fun, get to know each other, and develop skills to help them grow in faith.





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Chapel
Galilee offers a lectionary-based Children's Chapel during the 9:15am and 11:00am services. The age range is 4-10 years, but younger and older children are welcome to participate.

Children are dismissed to the Upstairs Children's Hall following the opening prayers and music. Children gather to hear stories of faith, followed by time to discuss together how the message applies to their daily life. Chapel ends with prayer before returning to the sanctuary before Communion.



Children's Choirs
Singing in a church choir is an excellent opportunity for children to learn about God. Singing in a group helps children to build confidence, self-expression, listening and social-emotional skills, and to be part of a team working toward a collaborative goal. We rehearse weekly and sing occasionally for Sunday worship and other special services. (See Page 20 for more details.)



Children's Ministry (cont.)

Children's Sunday School
Our classes for children use a dynamic Bible-based curriculum filled with hands on activities, memory verses, worship games, along with creative projects.

Sunday School meets upstairs from 10:15am to 11:00am on the Children's Hall for grades Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Our Nursery, Toddler, and Preschool Ministry is available upstairs during all three services.

Finally, Galilee offers numerous special programs for families throughout the year: Vacation Bible School, Blessing of the Animals, Pumpkin Carving Party, Advent Wreath Making, Christmas Pageant, Super Bowl Sunday, Holy Week Boxes, Easter Egg Hunt, and much more.

Contact Lillie Tillar | lillietillar3@gmail.com



First Holy Communion Class

While a course of instruction on Holy Communion is not required to receive the sacrament, it is an opportunity for our children to grow further in their understanding of the sacraments. This five-week class is offered for ages eight and up in the early spring. In mid-May we have a "First Communion Sunday" in which we celebrate the graduates of this class and host a reception for them following their first communion.



Nursery/Toddler Ministry

Our nursery, toddler, and preschool rooms are available for infants through preschool during our three Sunday morning worship services. These rooms are staffed by experienced childcare workers and our Nursery Guild. All adults assisting in this ministry have completed Safe Church, CPR, and First Aid training. Each Sunday during this time, the children will have a Bible lesson and activity, play with friends, and have snack time. Some parents pick up their children to take them to the worship services for Communion. However, childcare is available throughout Sunday morning from 7:45am to 12:30pm.



Contact Lillie Tillar | lillietillar3@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School

Each summer Galilee is transformed to an ancient time in the Bible to learn about God's word. This intergenerational church event brings sacred history to life for our youngest members through our custom, engaging curriculum. Our VBS team of parishioners meets throughout the year to plan for what is always a fantastic week of bringing the message of Jesus' love to the surrounding community.





OUTREACH

Missions Outreach Team (MOT)
Each year Galilee designates over $100,000 for missions and outreach. This team both identifies and approves the recipients of the funds and also stays in touch with the recipients for the sake of accountability. Currently Galilee is giving financial and spiritual support to the following local, national, and international ministries.

Contact MOT | outreachpartners@gmail.com

Local Outreach

An Achievable Dream Academy | achievabledream.org
AADA enables children through a disciplined, academic environment and the support of his/her family to attain a vision—to develop a personal, achievable dream that will light the way for success in life. Galilee partners with AADA at Seatack Elementary in several ways: assisting teachers with extra-curricular club activities, serving as mentors to students, providing food baskets for the holidays, and assisting in the bookstore. For more information on AADA Seatack, visit their website at **vbschools.com**.



Contact Sally Kitchen | sokitchen@gmail.com or
Molly Rueger | mollyrueger@gmail.com

Local Outreach (cont.)

Books Through Bars (Prison Ministry)
'[T]he King will say to those at his right hand, "Come,…inherit the Kingdom…; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Books Through Bars puts a range of literature into the hands of incarcerated individuals, relying on donations from the Galilee community.

Contact Linda Whitehead | 757.589.6804 | llwhitehe@gmail.com

Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater | cpcfriends.org
CPC of Tidewater is a non-profit organization with a mission to defend LIFE by supporting women unprepared for pregnancy. CPC exists to save lives, spare hearts, and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ in South Hampton Roads.

Eastern Shore Chapel Food Pantry | easternshorechapel.org
Galilee supports the Eastern Shore Chapel Food Pantry by contributing annually to their general fund. In addition, if there are other needs throughout the calendar year, such as providing eggs when there was a need, conducting non-perishable food drives, providing handmade knitted hats and gloves made by the Knitting + Crocheting Ministry or volunteering at the Chapel Food Pantry itself, Galilee members step up to support this critical ministry. The Chapel Food Pantry is a full client-choice, market-style food pantry and produce market. Motivated by Christ's love, the Chapel Food Pantry strengthens the community by serving our neighbors in need.





Local Outreach (cont.)

Galilee Gift Shop
Galilee Gift Shop sells high-quality home decor, jewelry, and books. We have talented buyers who provide a constant stream of new inventory and dedicated volunteers who help arrange and run the shop daily. Proceeds are invested back into our community.

Contact Beth Mumford | 757.536.5088 or
Nancy Freeman | 757.681.6809

Global Friendship Ventures | globalfriendshipventures.org
Global Friendship Ventures (GFV) is a ministry working with international students attending Old Dominion University. Through activities, service, and friendship, they engage students in meaningful conversations where ideas and faith are respected and explored. Among their core values is demonstrating the compassion of Jesus and meeting the needs of people. GFV encompasses The Globe, the friendship house that opened in 2019 housing 58 international students, as well as the Global Friendship Ministry, the campus ministry that reaches out to international students at ODU, EVMS, Regent University, Norfolk State University, and TCC.

Judeo-Christian Outreach Center (JCOC) | jcoc.org
The Galilee family has brought hope, help and healing to our community in collaboration with JCOC since 1986. The congregation shares its time, talents, and treasure throughout the year. In addition to financial support, Galilee is one of JCOC's Community Dinner groups preparing and serving 150 meals to housed guests on a quarterly basis. Many of our members have served and are serving on its board of directors. Veterans, families, and individuals in Virginia Beach and the surrounding community are positively changed through JCOC's Community Dinner, Food Pantry, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Rehousing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Veteran Transitional Housing programs.

Contact Bill Marzec | wmarzec@cox.net

Local Outreach (cont.)

Onesimus Ministries | onesimus-ministries.org
Onesimus Training Center shares the love of Christ with prisoners, helps them with safe housing when they leave incarceration, and helps reconnect them with families and communities. They encourage their residents to thrive by providing a warm welcome, networking, training and continuous personal and professional growth opportunities.

PIN Ministry (People In Need) | pinministry.org
PIN Ministry envisions former homeless people who are no longer bound by addictions and habits of their past. PIN is a Christ-based, non-profit that believes Christian principles can lead individuals and families from dependency toward financial and personal independence. PIN envisions generational brokenness healed and lives changed by a God who loves and heals people completely. Galilee has been a faithful financial partner of PIN Ministry for many years while also providing meals during Winter Shelter when hosted by Eastern Shore Chapel. Galilee will host a week of Winter Shelter in 2026.



National/International Outreach

Boys Home of Virginia | boyshomeofvirginia.org
Boys Home of Virginia is a residential school providing exceptional academics, hands-on trades training, and the structure and support young men need to succeed. No qualified student is turned away for financial reasons. Galilee supports Boys Home of Virginia by funding the Chaplain.

Equipping Ministries Global | equippingministriesglobal.org
Galilee supports EMG by providing financial and other support to The Rev. Dr. Melissa Davis who regularly travels to Tanzania, Kenya, and Uganda to provide biblical, theological, and discipleship training to village pastors. This training is urgently needed in the fastest growing church in the world in which only one trained pastor is available for every 450,000 Christians. Through EMG, Melissa also supports vulnerable children and facilitates entrepreneurship and other needed training in those areas. Parishioners are invited to support EMG through financial gifts and donation of needed supplies. To learn more, contact the MOT team at outreachpartners@gmail.com or Melissa at melissajoydavis@gmail.com.

Galilee Medical Mission
For many years the Galilee Medical Mission Team has gone out to support both Remote Area Medical (www.ramusa.org) and the "Health Wagon" to provide health, dental and vision care to thousands of needy patients.

Contact Dr. Ben Carey | 757.343.8541





National/International Outreach (cont.)

Good Shepherd India | gsi.org
Good Shepherd India's mission is to "empower marginalized communities by celebrating each person's God-given dignity and demonstrating love in practical and spiritual ways." GSI works to act as "the hands and feet of Jesus" in meeting urgent and long-term needs by growing the Good Shepherd Church of India and discipling new believers, anti-human trafficking programs, healthcare, education, food distribution, and economic development. Across all of Good Shepherd's ministries, they are serving over 30 million people. Funds from Galilee have been supporting GSI pastors and supplying Bibles for their work, as well as helping with persecution relief and at-risk girls.

Pioneers: Tim & Carol Avery
Tim and Carol Avery (and their four young daughters) are serving Jesus in Nairobi, Kenya. Tim is an instructor of Hebrew and Greek at a local seminary, teaching East African pastors the Word of God in the original languages of the Bible, so that they can faithfully communicate our faith to their congregations and beyond. See a picture of Tim on the school's website nirtkenya.org. Tim also serves as publishing manager for a sister ministry, Ekklesia Afrika (ekklesiaafrika.org), which has the motto "biblical resources for building healthy churches." Pioneers-USA helps to oversee the Avery's situation on the field. Tim and his family visit Galilee when they are on furlough. If you wish to communicate with Tim, email him at thatwordaboveall@gmail.com.

Wycliffe Bible Translators: Mike & Heather Miller | wycliffe.org
Wycliffe is an international, non-denominational, non-sectarian mission organization, focused on making God's Word available for all people in their own heart language. Galilee supported Mike and Heather Miller for many years, until Mike's retirement earlier this year. Mike served as a translation consultant, most recently assisting native speakers translate the Bible into the Achuar language, for a people group located mainly in Peru. Wycliffe empowers and equips national Bible translators—people who are native speakers of the language—using resources and tools provided through Bible translation workshops under the guidance and authority of the local church.

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