



The Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

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Glynn County Churches Serve Together

Glynn Episcopal Ministries (GEM) is a shared ministry involving the five Episcopal churches in Glynn County: St. Athanasius and St. Marks in Brunswick, Christ Church Frederica and Holy Nativity on St. Simons Island, and St. Richards on Jekyll Island. GEM's goal is to serve unmet needs of our less fortunate neighbors.

St. Athanasius Parish Hall is the group's center of operations. There they provided snacks to school-aged children, coupled with enrichment programming, on Friday afternoons, from June 5th through August 7th. The middle schoolers enjoyed playing corn hole and 9-square games in the churchyard, while the preschoolers and elementary children enjoyed puppets and stories read to them by members of the different congregations. Children and the adults accompanying them, were invited to take books home for the summer. Backpack Buddies also provided weekend food bags to the children who attended. On the final Friday afternoon, school supplies were provided to the participating first through eighth graders.



Parishioners from the five participating churches who help lead the effort enjoyed this summer program as much as the children and their parent or guardian who attended. The parishioners also got to know sister and brother Episcopalians from the local area. At the end of

the 10-week program, the parishioners "on the ground" agreed they wanted to collaborate together on more GEM activities to benefit the neighborhoods around St. Athanasius.

Signature Ministries

A Signature Ministry is a tangible way of sharing God's love for which a congregation or groups of churches is known in their community. These ministries benefit mostly, or often exclusively, people who are not members of your church. And when the name of the church is mentioned, a person in the community is likely to know, "That is the church that..." and people knowing of your soup kitchen, community garden, or other ministry.

The Campaign for Congregational Development

Glynn Episcopal Ministries has received no support from the Diocese, yet this outreach effort is part of the strategies put forward in the Campaign for Congregational Development. The Campaign is about serving Jesus and seeking to be more fully engaged as the Body of Christ. The priorities of the Campaign fall into three areas- Congregational Development; Clergy and Lay Leadership Development, and Formation of Youth and Young Adult Leadership. Within each of those three areas, there are three specific campaign priorities. To find out more, visit campaign.georgiaepiscopal.org

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