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## PLANNED GIVING

Last Sunday Bishop Lambert challenged parishioners to make a plan to support St John's mission in future generations, by participating in The 1841 Society. As Chairman Scott Howard noted, there is no minimal requirement and there are many different ways to make a planned gift, according to one's capacity and needs. This week parishioner Dolly Chisholm, an attorney and Chancellor of St. John's Church, provides insight on one way of making a larger gift.

### PLANNED GIVING THROUGH PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

The late Homer and Ruth Peeples were lifelong members of St. John's Church, who established a private foundation for the purpose of supporting the maintenance, repair, and improvement of the buildings at St. John's. Thanks to their generous forethought, our historic buildings are not a burden to us but a blessing. (Later this fall a plaque will be erected to honor their memory as benefactors of St John's.)

Philanthropy like theirs has long played a vital role in the life of the Church. Many faithful parishioners seek ways to ensure their values and devotion continue to support their church even after they pass. One powerful tool for achieving this is the establishment of a **private foundation**. By establishing a private foundation during one's lifetime and directing its assets to benefit a church upon death, a donor can create a lasting legacy that aligns with their beliefs and priorities, much like Ruth and Homer Peeples did for St. John's.

### What is a Private Foundation?

A private foundation is a nonprofit organization typically funded by a single individual, family, or estate. It exists to make grants to charitable causes and is governed by IRS rules under Section 501(c) (3). Unlike public charities, which receive broad public support, private foundations are usually funded by one source and are subject to oversight and minimum distribution requirements.

### Advantages for the Donor

#### 1. Enduring Legacy

A private foundation allows a donor to support the church in perpetuity. Whether funding music ministry, youth ministry, capital improvements, or charitable outreach, the foundation can ensure that the donor's values and charitable intent continue for generations. The Peeples Foundation was created to fund repairs and improvements for the properties on the St. John's Campus on an annual basis, which has been a tremendous relief to the Church's budget; a true blessing.

#### 2. Control and Flexibility

The founder can define the mission of the foundation and establish clear guidelines for how funds are to be used. For example, in the case of the Peeples Foundation, the mission is to support the buildings.

#### 3. Tax Benefits

Contributions to a private foundation are generally tax-deductible, subject to IRS limits. Upon death, assets directed to the foundation may reduce the size of the taxable estate, offering estate tax advantages for larger estates.

#### 4. Stewardship and Structure

A private foundation offers a formal structure for charitable giving. The donor can name trusted

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## UPCOMING WORSHIP:

### WEEK OF TRINITY X

**Online Morning Prayer:**  
8:15 a.m. Monday-Friday

**Monday, August 25:**  
*No in-person services today*

**Tuesday, August 26:**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel

**Wednesday, August 27:**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Church  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer*, Chapel  
9 p.m. *Sung Compline*, Church

**Thursday, August 28:**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel  
5 p.m. *Evening Prayer with Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Friday, August 29:**  
Noon *Holy Communion*, Chapel

**Sunday, August 31: Trinity XI SUMMER SCHEDULE**  
8 a.m. *Holy Communion*, Church  
9:30 a.m. *Fr. Dunbar's Class*,  
Ralston Room, Cranmer Hall  
10:30 a.m. *Sung Eucharist & Sermon*,  
Church/Online

**Monday, September 1:  
Labor Day Holiday**  
*The Church office is closed.*  
*No in-person services today*  
8:15 a.m. *Online Morning Prayer*

## ST. JOHN'S FALL SCHEDULE

### *Begins Sunday, September 7*

Starting **Sunday, September 7**, we return to our regular worship and all ages Sunday school schedule. Nursery for newborns to four-year-olds is in Cranmer Hall, 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

### **8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION, Church**

A spoken service, focusing on the words of Scripture, the prayers, and the Sacrament.

### **9 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE, Church**

A family and newcomer-friendly service with active participation from our youth. Morning Prayer on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays

### **10 A.M. ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Join us in Cranmer Hall for children's, youth, and adult Sunday School classes. Fr. Dunbar's class will resume meeting in St. Mary's Chapel.

### **11 A.M. PRINCIPAL SERVICE, Church & Livestreamed**

The main service of worship with choral and congregational singing, a sermon and prayers. Holy Communion on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month and Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays.

## SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP: Parish Provisions

### *Tuesday, September 2, from 5-7 p.m. Cranmer Hall Kitchen*

A new small group that meets monthly to prepare goodies to be sold during the Holly Days Bazaar. Parishioners of all ages are invited to the next gathering on Sept. 2 to help prepare cookie dough, tea mixes, hot sauce. Let us know you are coming by calling the Church office at 912-232-1251. If you have any questions, call Meredith Peluso at 310-560-6843.

### Save These Additional Upcoming Dates!

- Oct. 7: granola, hot cocoa, candles
- Nov. 4: spice mix/rub

For a complete and current list of the many events, meetings, and activities happening at St. John's in the upcoming weeks, please visit [www.stjohnssav.org](http://www.stjohnssav.org).

**FAITH + FICTION:**  
*A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens*  
*Wednesday, September 3, 5:30-7 p.m.*  
*Green-Meldrim House*

Plan to join us for a new season of thought-provoking discussions. This group will again meet the first Wednesday of the month in the Green-Meldrim House from 5:30-7 p.m. with light snacks provided. Bring friends and with anyone who would enjoy this gathering. The only requirement for participation is that you've read (or listened to) the book.

**SAVE THESE ADDITIONAL  
SEPTEMBER DATES!**

*For more details, please visit [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org)*

- **Wednesday, Sept. 3, 4:30 p.m.:** St. John's volunteers meet at P.A.C.K.
- **Monday, Sept. 8, 5 p.m.:** Victorian Society Lecture, Green-Meldrim House
- **Friday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m.:** Parlor Presentation on The Historic Houses of Ireland, Green-Meldrim House
- **Sunday, Sept. 14, 10 a.m.:** Parish Forum on Small Groups, start of Hope Haven Outreach collection, and Outreach Coffee Hour
- **Tuesday, Sept. 16, 10:45 a.m.:** Dementia Caregiver Support Group, Cranmer Hall, 3rd Floor, Reading Room
- **Wednesday, Sept. 17, 4:30 p.m.:** St. John's volunteers meet at P.A.C.K.
- **Sunday, Sept. 21:** St. John's Church Stewardship Campaign begins
- **Sunday, Sept. 21, 5 p.m.:** Sunday Night Session, Green-Meldrim
- **Friday, Sept. 26:** Hope Haven Volunteer Training, Cranmer Hall

**NEW PARISH PAPER FORMAT**  
*We revamped the Parish Paper Format.*

In the new expanded format, you will find all the weekly announcements and Parish Paper essay in one convenient, take home publication.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## New Year Begins

**Sunday, Sept. 7th**

**Cranmer Hall 1st Floor**

**9:45 am Kick Off Breakfast**

**10 am Classes Meet**

# LIVE MUSIC

ST. JOHN'S SAVANNAH



JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF  
CEREBRAL STORYTELLING,  
EMOTIONALLY DIRECT  
BEDROOM POP, AND LUSH,  
DREAMLIKE SOUNDS.



PERFORMANCES BY

**FAUVELY & KATY PINKE**

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14 W MACON ST. SAVANNAH GA

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## THIS SUNDAY AT ST. JOHN'S

*The nursery (newborns to four-year-olds) is available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Cranmer Hall.*

**8 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION**, Church  
*A light breakfast is available in Cranmer Hall following 8 a.m. service.*

Introit: Psalm 116, BCP pp. 486–487;  
The Collects, BCP p. 249, 203  
The Epistle and Gospel, BCP pp. 249–250

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**9:30 A.M. FR. DUNBAR'S CLASS,**  
Cranmer Hall

*During the summer, Fr. Dunbar's class will meet in the Ralston Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Cranmer Hall.*

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**10:30 A.M. MORNING PRAYER,**  
Church & Online

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**11:45 A.M. COFFEE HOUR,**  
Green-Meldrim House

Hostess, Mrs. Lee M. Alderman, Jr. (Charlotte)

individuals—family or professionals—to serve as trustees or board members, ensuring the foundation operates with integrity and transparency.

### Benefits to the Church

For the church, a private foundation provides a stable, long-term source of funding. Unlike annual giving, which can fluctuate, a foundation can offer consistent support through investment income and planned distributions. This funding can help maintain historic properties, expand outreach programs, enhance worship, and ensure the church's sustainability in an era when traditional giving patterns are changing.

### An Enduring Testimony

A private foundation created to benefit a church is a profound act of faith, generosity, and foresight. It transforms a donor's legacy into a permanent source of support, ensuring that the mission of the church continues. With proper planning, such a foundation becomes not just a financial tool, but a testament to a life well lived in service to God and His Church.

*—Dolly Chisholm*

If you have questions about Planned Giving, please speak to one of the members of the 1841 Society committee: Scott Howard (chairman), Dolly Chisholm, Rick Wright, Rusty Ross, Bishop Paul Lambert, Fr. Dunbar (*ex officio*), Graham Sadler (*ex officio*).

For information about The 1841 Society, visit [StJohnsSav.org](http://StJohnsSav.org) and select “1841 Society” under “Give”.

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

### VESTRY OFFERING CHAIR

8 a.m. Mr. Arthur D. Weed  
10:30 a.m. Mr. Edwin H. Culver

### USHERS

Mr. Robert B. Turner (Bart)  
Mr. Frank Somoskey

### CHOIR

Choir of Adults

### CHANCEL SOCIETY

Mrs. John G. Bradshaw (Sally)  
Mrs. Nohl A. Braun, Jr. (Alyce)  
Mrs. Timothy E. Coy (Dorothea)  
Mrs. B. Ray Summerell (Melanie)  
Mrs. Susie H. Fawcett  
Ms. Linda H. Pounds  
Ms. Sara C. Fiveash  
Mrs. Mark D Stevens (Chambliss)

### COFFEE HOUR

Mrs. Lee M. Alderman, Jr. (Charlotte)