

# The Pinnacle

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July 24, 2025

July 27 | Livestream \* Order of Worship

# **New Church Year Begins!**



It may still feel like summertime but fall begins in August around here. Our kids are heading back to school and the new church year begins on August 1. Our committees and teams begin their work for another year of ministry.

As we enter this new year of church ministry we are greeted by the sound of construction. The work to transition the Chapel to multi-use space began several weeks ago. The pews are gone, and the hardwood floor is in place. We've still got a little way to go. But the sound of construction is the sound of hope, the sound of new things coming into fruition. The prophet Isaiah spoke to the people of Israel during a particularly difficult time: "God is doing a new thing. Do you perceive it? Listen. Can you hear it?"

Last spring I shared some thoughts about the future of our church- the "church of tomorrow." It is worth revisiting those thoughts as we begin a new church year. Our work this year will center around four critical poles: worship, communication, events and justice. This year we

will look to move each of these forward just a bit more.

On a personal note, at the end of August, I will begin my third and final year of my Doctor of Ministry program at Candler School of Theology. This will be my year of writing. I will keep the church updated as the work comes together.

We continue through the early chapters of Genesis this Sunday as we look at the second creation story- the one that focuses on the creation of humanity (Adam and Eve). We will focus on relationships- between God and humanity, between humans, and between humanity and the rest of creation. God intends these relationships to be established in harmony.

Finally, this month marks one year that Lydia McCoy has served as our Office Manager. We are so grateful for her work with us!

See you Sunday!

**Scott Hovey** 

## **Teach Me Something!**

All are invited! Adult Ed is sponsoring a Sunday morning Church-School series each week, with the theme, "Teach Me Something!" We are meeting in the Art & Soul classroom, continuing through August 24, with a wide variety of speakers and topics. Please join us, beginning with snacks in the breakroom before the class convenes at 9:30 AM.

This week Hartwell Dew will lead the class, and his presentation is entitled "Pat Conroy: Patron Saint of the South Carolina Lowcountry."

Hartwell is a native of South Carolina and moved to Atlanta in 1977. He and Susan joined Northside Drive that same year. He is a graduate of Presbyterian College, earning a B.S. in Business Administration with a Concentration in Accounting, and he received an MBA from The University of Georgia. He had a successful 46-year career as a reinsurance broker, the last 26 years of which were with Guy Carpenter, a division of Marsh McLennan, and he retired in 2024. He and Susan split time between Atlanta and Fripp Island, S.C., and they enjoy traveling and spending time with family. They are the parents of two children and grandparents of five. Over the years both Susan and Hartwell have served in many lay leadership positions at this church, which they love. He is most proud of being among the founders of the Art & Soul Class almost 30 years ago.

#### Summer Schedule

July 27: Hartwell Dew - "Pat Conroy: Patron Saint of the South Carolina Lowcountry"

August 3: Jim Mahaffey - "The Future of Nuclear Power"

August 10: Syd Janney - "A Walking Tour of Our Church: Exploring Northside Drive Highlights"

August 17: Hal Meeks - "My Time on the Camino de Santiago"

August 24: Dave Wooten - "Innovators You Might Not Know About"

August 31: (No Meeting - Labor Day weekend)

# **This Sunday**

Adult Church School
Teach Me Something!
Led by Hartwell Dew
"Pat Conroy: Patron Saint of the
South Carolina Lowcountry"
9:30 AM | Room 202

Children's Church School

9:30 AM | Undercroft

# Worship 11:00 AM | Sanctuary

### Communications and Outreach Team Meeting

12:15 PM | Conference Room

## **Upcoming Events**

Scott's Office Hours
July 28 | 9:00-11:00 AM
NDBC Office

**Adult Church School** 

Teach Me Something!
Led by Jim Mahaffey
"The Future of Nuclear Power"
August 3 | 9:30 AM
Room 202

Holy Happy Hour August 6 | 5:00 PM RoundTrip Brewing



# **July Birthdays**

Jonathan Schroeder - 23 Joseph Headrick - 23 Donette Lee - 24 Betty Pierce - 28 Tiffany Baumstark - 30 George Taylor - 31

# **Northside Drive Baptist Church Staff**

John Isakson - 31

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