



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

Dear Friends,

August 2021

First of all, I want to thank you for all the love and support you have given Marjie and me during these past months as we continue to grieve the death of our son Will. The prayers and love you have shown us have meant the world to us during this very difficult time in our lives. We will never forget the support you have and continue to give us.

As we move into the school year, we will begin a new Sunday school program for our children. This program is called Weaving God's Promises. This program is recommended by Whitney Robinson who is the Diocesan Missioner for Children and Youth Formation in our diocese. This is a comprehensive, three-year Christian education curriculum for children ages 3 (preschool) to 11 (5th grade), developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church. Weaving God's Promises is titled after the process of faith formation in which we learn how God's promises of salvation are inextricably woven into our lives. I am grateful for all the help Deborah Banahan has given me in making this transition to the new program for our children.

Our plan is to begin this program on August 8th with the installation of the Sunday School Teachers and the Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:30 am Service.

We have been through a tough time over the last sixteen months with the spread of the COVID 19 virus, but we have stayed together as best we could through it all. There have certainly been some challenging parts for all of us, and staying together has meant a lot to us as a community of faith. As we all know there is a surge in the number of cases in the Delta variant of the virus, and I will continue to monitor the situation and take advice and direction from our diocesan leadership in a continued effort to keep us protected. As of the writing of this letter the current protocols are to wear a mask to service if you have not been vaccinated, and intinction of the wafer is how we may receive the wine for communion.

It is exciting to be a part of this community as we continue to journey through COVID 19. One thing I know is this community of faith has journeyed through some very tough times over the last 20 years which gives me assurance that we will journey through these tough days as well.

Christ's Peace,

Our newest Acolytes are trained and serving

Johnathan Gates and Finley Battley have joined the community of Acolytes and servers at St. John's. The role of Acolyte is to assist the celebrant and enhance the worship service, and that was the focus of their recent training. "It is a great joy for me to see these children grow up and become an Acolyte. I look forward to serving together at the Altar, as we



serve God." says Fr. Tom .Gabby Kyzar and Bill Nelson (not pictured) helped Fr. Tom train Finley (left) and Johnathan (right). Both Acolytes were eager to serve at their first St. John's service the next day.

History behind the hymn, *Jerusalem the Golden*

By Hope Shotts Steiner

Greetings, St. John's. One of the greatest joys of my life is serving as organist/choir director at St. John's. As you know, the Episcopal church has a wide array of hymns, some better known than others. Here is some interesting information about Hymn 624 in The Hymnal 1982, Jerusalem the Golden, which is one of my favorites.

According to writer Samuel Albert, in the article, Not Many People Know the Surprising Stories Behind These hymns: "*Jerusalem the Golden* dates back to the nineteenth century. The writer of this anthem was John Mason Neale, an Anglican priest and scholar. His inspiration for this work came from a piece of writing called,

On Contempt for the World, whose creator was a Benedictine monk named Bernard of Cluny (12th cent.) *Jerusalem the Golden* began circulation midway through the era, and by its end, was being represented in almost every English service known to Christianity. Interestingly enough, while its text speaks of a golden Jerusalem, the essence of the hymn refers to the paradise waiting for sincere followers of Christ at the end of life."

If you have a love of music and enjoy singing, join our choir. We meet on Sunday mornings around 9:45.

(Resource: *Not Many People Know the Surprising Stories Behind These Hymns*, by Samuel Albert, on crosswalk.com, and *The Hymnal*

What's your favorite tradition at our church?



Alice Baker

The seasons of the church year are so meaningful to me. With each change, I reflect on what we are celebrating. At Epiphany, we celebrate the finding of Jesus Christ the Baby, the human, tempted like us in every way yet he came through victorious! Lent makes me re-live the walk with Jesus to the cross. I enjoy all the seasons.



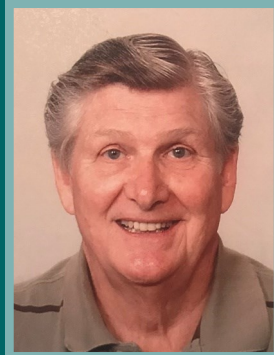
Calen Wills

I have always appreciated how St. John's feels like a family. I have many favorite traditions here, but the Lenten dinners have always been special. I enjoy the fellowship behind the scenes, helping Andrew and the crew, and then enjoying the meal with everyone.



Catherine Miller

The flowering of the cross on Easter is one of my favorites. I recall as a child choosing pretty camellias from our yard, wrapping them in paper towels, and proudly placing them at the cross. I was amazed each year to see how we all came together and created a magnificent Easter display.



Leonard Fuller

Over the years, I have loved serving in the church and being able to enjoy the large Rose Window at the back of the church. When the sun shines through, it's a magnificent sight of brilliant colors and shines forth in all of God's glory. I think all the stained windows enhance the worship service.



Laura Branch

Singing Silent Night at the end of the Christmas Eve service is my favorite. I remember watching my mom tear up as we sang because she was thinking of her mom. My children now watch me knowing I may do the same. Usually, I get tickled because they are mortified I may cry. It's a family tradition!

Key Date: Rally Day (Sunday School Kick-Off), August 8th

St. John's Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage, *Bishop*
The Rev. Tom Fanning, *Rector*
The Rev. Ede Plovanich, *Part Time Associate Priest*
Hope Shotts Steiner, *Organist-Choir Director*
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2021 Vestry

Charlie Latady - *Senior Warden*
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Mary Maner - *Inreach*
Rhonda Shook - *Outreach*
Con Lancaster - *Treasurer*
Kathy Khayat - *Vestry Clerk*
Bruner Bosio - *Assistant Treasurer*
Bobby Baker - *Assistant Treasurer*
Linda Grimes - *Accountant*



2021

AUGUST

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary please email or call Jenn with the date. Thank you!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 *Shirley & John Battley	02 *Marjie & Tom Fanning	03 Aron Frederic Brent Higdon	04 Nick Morrison DOK - HE 10 am	05 Joel Waters	06 Beth Williamson	07 Laura Branch Linda Grimes
08 Henry Waters Rally Day - Sunday School Kick-Off	09 Charlotte Waldrep	10 Charlotte Waldrep	11 Sonya Williams Barbara & Bob McDonald	12 Okee Ekenna JoAnne Fontaine	13 Edna Howell	14 Marcia Nichols
15 Loretta Ranck	16 Courtney Garriga	17 *Connie & Doug Belk *Marilyn & Gary Boman	18 Ross Baker Ezra Beasley *Sarah & Dustin Taylor	19 Bob Plovanich *Melanie & Paul Tristani	20 Tyler Demouey Taylor Tillman	21 Patrick Black
22	23 Ann Banahan	24 Holly Warren	25	26 Pamela Williamson	27	28
29 Ben Donald Robert Walker Jimmy Smith	30 Jessica McNeel *Alice & Robert Baker	31 *Len & Donnie Murray	01	02	*Judy & John Kinard	04
05 Anniversary	06	07	08	09	10	11

Lay Ministry Schedule August 2021

	August 1st The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 8th The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	August 15th The Twelfth Sunday af- ter Pentecost	August 22nd The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	August 29th The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	Dustin Taylor	Bill Nelson	Dale Harkey	Dustin Taylor	Bill Nelson
Lectors	8:00 am Mary Maner 10:30 am Mary Margaret Bailey Bruner Bosio	8:00 am Bob McDonald 10:30 am Rick Roberts Kathy Khayat	8:00 am Priscilla Battley 10:30 am Calen Wills Anna Stewart	8:00 am Gina Bardwell 10:30 am Karl Steinberger Carol Hutcherson	8:00 am Mary Maner 10:30 am Charles Shook Monica Donald
Acolytes	Gabby Kyzar Fin Battley Jonathan Gates	Gabby Kyzar Fin Battley Jonathan Gates		Gabby Kyzar Fin Battley Jonathan Gates	
Ushers	Gary Boman	Leonard Fuller	Calen Wills	Ted Battley	David Minkler
Altar Guild	JoAnne Fontaine Connie Belk	Anna Stewart Len Murray	Judy Williamson Len Murray	Marilyn Boman Neill Norwood	Tonya Latady Pricilla Battley
Flower Guild	Theresa Steinberger	Amy Baker	Deborah Banahan	Mimm Bilbo	Stacey Baumhauer