



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

February 2022

Dear Friends,

One of the many things the Church Canon requires us to do is to file a Parochial Report each year by March 1st. Our Bishop's secretary keeps up with these reports and will not leave us alone until the reports are filed. This is a statistical report that gives us a picture of the preceding year.

As you can imagine, some of our numbers like our average Sunday attendance have gone down due to the virus. From what I can tell, there are three different ways people seem to determine if they are attending worship services during the pandemic. One is that people don't want to attend during a time of wearing masks. Others don't want to attend for health reasons. And others aren't present because they either have the virus or have been exposed to it.

For whatever reason someone may have, our attendance numbers are down and this is understandable for last year and where we are now with the peak on the line graph of the virus. But as the peak goes up so do the number of views on our YouTube video. Through our online streaming we have made many connections with folks who have worshiped here in the past and some new connections as well. There are people watching our services from New Mexico to Iowa to Michigan. Some folks from my former congregation in Brandon watch us as well. The virus has changed us and in some ways for the better.

As these changes are happening our liturgical year hasn't changed. We are in the middle of the Epiphany season. This is a season that reminds us about the manifestation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. The word manifestation means an event, action, or object that clearly shows or embodies something. The idea of God manifesting in us is something that we need to look at and examine and then take action on.

For whatever reason we aren't attending the regular Sunday worship service, there is still a desire to be together which I believe is the manifestation of God calling us in that soft voice to be together and worship Him as a community of faith. What is the manifestation of God in us calling us to do during this Epiphany season and beyond?

This is a question that, if we take it seriously and pray about it, we will serve our beloved St. John's family and God in extraordinary and manifesting ways.

Christ's Peace,

Children's Ministries of Pascagoula

St. John's hosts children's Lumberjack Lodge

At the end of January, St. John's playground became Lumberjack Lodge, an event full of lumberjack-themed activities for 26 children of St. John's and other churches in the community.

This event was part of a new partnership between several local churches to form the Children's Ministries of Pascagoula. Each member church signed up to host monthly events, and St. John's signed up for January and March.

A snow machine was a hit with the children, and other activities included a Feed the Bear game, Hatchet Toss and Log Rolling. The snacks for the morning were appropriately themed and included trail mix and marshmallow s'more pops.



Lumberjack Lodge

Successful Conecuh® Gift Box Raffle



A hearty “thank you” to all who purchased tickets for a chance to bring home a cooler filled with Conecuh® products – a delicious smoked turkey, an assortment of hickory smoked sausage, specialty spices, huggers, a ball cap, key chain, and recipe booklet. This year’s lucky winner was Sarah Busby (pictured), who said she and her family plan to enjoy every bite!

This event was a fund raiser for **St. John’s Permanent Endowment Fund**. Proceeds will help the Fund reach its goal of becoming a stable and permanent source of funding for Christian Education and Outreach projects.

Each year a percentage of Fund assets on hand at the end of the previous year are awarded for projects which serve a qualifying purpose. Grants have gone towards the purchase of the St. John’s disaster relief trailer, supplies for medical missions, training for Sunday School teachers, Camp Bratton Green, the Honduras Medical Mission and other worthy projects.

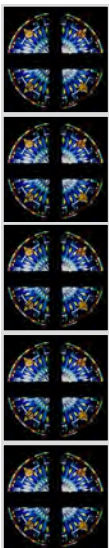
None of this is possible without your support, though, because the Permanent Endowment Fund is completely dependent on donations. For further information, please contact the Church Office or one of these Trustees: Karl Steinberger, Mary Margaret Bailey and Landon McCarty.

Planning your personal Lenten journey for 2022

The season of Lent begins in less than a month, and many parishioners are beginning to think about how they will observe Lent this year. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, the day on which we gather to receive ashes on our forehead as a sign of our repentance and mortality. As we move toward the beginning of Lent, here are some ways you may want to consider as you decide about your own Lenten journey.

- **REFLECT ON THE CROSS:** Reflect daily on the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the meaning of his death on the cross, and the greatness of God’s love for you.
- **PRAY DAILY:** Set aside some extra time each day during the season of Lent for personal prayer in the morning and evening.
- **READ THE BIBLE:** Make time every day to read your Bible during Lent. One idea is to read the entire Gospel of Mark, which has a special focus on the cross.
- **GIVE UP SOMETHING:** A common practice for Lent is to give up something—like technology, social media, sweets, coffee, alcohol, etc. This is a great time to detox from things that may have a stronghold in your life.
- **START A GOOD HABIT:** In addition to giving something up, try doing something good this Lent. Are you a pessimist? Try to be more positive. Are you critical by nature? Make an effort to be more encouraging. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you.
- **GIVE YOUR TIME:** During Lent, give of your time by volunteering in your church or local community.
- **KEEP A JOURNAL:** Keeping a journal of your thoughts, prayers, and reflections during Lent can be a helpful aid to your Lenten journey.
- **MAKE TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY:** If you have kids, plan special times just for them during Lent. Take your family hiking or on a lunch date, or even have a family day where you can serve together in the community.
- **GIVE YOUR MONEY:** During Lent, give a little more money to your local church or consider your favorite charity or mission agency.
- **FORGIVE OTHERS:** Lent is a time to make things right in your life and relationships. Is there a person in your life you need to forgive? Don’t hold that resentment any longer. Pray about it and ask God to help you forgive them.

Extract from Winfield Bevins, The Anglican Compass



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*
Terry Willis, *Sexton*
Jenn Johnson, *Church Secretary*
Pam Eaves, *Nursery Attendant*
Alix Thrower, *Nursery Attendant*

2022 Vestry

Kelly Smith - *Senior Warden*
Deborah Banahan - *Junior Warden*
Deborah Banahan - *Parish Activities*
TBD - *Inreach*
Rhonda Shook - *Outreach*
Con Lancaster - *Treasurer*
Donna Stewart - *Vestry Clerk*
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2022 FEBRUARY

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	01	02	03	04	05
Gina Bardwell	Cherri Jones	Patrick Steward		Bill Kallston Shelby Martin Pat Switzer Grace Williams	Meagan Riser	Landon Beasley
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
John Jordan Sessions Pugh		Douglass Fontaine Theresa Steinberger			Griffin Garriga	Michael Gregory Sarah Warren
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Felicia Busby Natalie Fitch Richard Lawarre		Jordan DuBose Pam Eaves William Schaub	Fred Guynn Emma McVea	Jim Horne Siera Sepulveda	Kelsi Dungan
	*Wanda & John Lindsay *Ashley & Carby Shows					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Betty Burnsed Teal Busby Nichole Fitch Michael Garriga Isabella Higdon	Matt Donald Keith Horne	Donna Burnsed Terry Donahue		Alice Baker Jeff Waters	Thomas Irvine Janet Weeks	Doug Belk
27	28	01	02	03	04	05
Aaron Masters Layna McBroom Susan Miles	Parker Demouey Mila McLendon		*Laura & Ken Branch			
	07	08	09	10	11	12

*Anniversary

Lay Ministry Schedule February 2022

	February 6th The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 13th The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	February 20th The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	February 27th The Last Sunday after the Epiphany
Verger	Dustin Taylor	Bill Nelson	Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson
Lectors	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
	Bob McDonald	Gina Bardwell	Mary Maner	Priscilla Battley
	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am
	Mary Mgt Bailey	Rick Roberts	Karl Steinberger	Calen Wills
	Mary Maner	John Banahan	Anna Stewart	Kathy Khayat
Acolytes	Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates		Gabby Kyzar, Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates	
Worship Camera	Matt Jones	Bill Stewart	Matt Jones	Bill Stewart
Ushers	Ted Battley	John Banahan	Leonard Fuller	Calen Wills
Altar Guild	Tonya Latady Len Murray	Marilyn Boman Nell Norwood	Amanda Johns Priscilla Battley	Judy Williamson Laura Branch
Flower Guild	Deborah Banahan	Stacey Baumhauer	N/A	N/A
Sunday School Teachers	Kristen Pugh Taylor Banahan	Amy Baker, Deanna Battley, & Deborah Banahan	Amy Baker Kelci Miller	Deborah Banahan Amy Baker