



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

April 2022

Dear Friends,

We have come to the end of the Lenten season with great anticipation about our Lord's resurrection this year. During the Lenten season we were able to transition from a time of observing some of the restrictions of the pandemic to returning to the way we were before the pandemic. And now in the midst of it all we will celebrate our Lord's resurrection.

Have you ever thought about how the original disciples felt or perhaps thought after they realized Jesus had risen from the dead? They were on a movement with our Lord during his life like ours as they were serving and proclaiming the Good News of God being with us but then he died and as the gospels tell us they thought they would return to their old ways. Peter said after the resurrection I'm going fishing. (John 21:3) But the resurrected Jesus would not leave them alone. As they arrived at the shore after not catching anything he was waiting for them. They were able to experience Jesus in a different way than they thought they would. Peter became the first Pope. Matthew and John wrote two of the Gospels. Their ministry wasn't over and in many ways all of their lives had just begun in this new way of experiencing their friend in the resurrection.

There are all kinds of possibilities that we can engage in and I am very interested in hearing what your thoughts are as we experience the resurrection of our Lord and the freedom we now have to become part of different ministries here at St. John's.

As our ways of being prior to the pandemic have been restored how is it that we plan to experience this regained life. Where is Jesus calling you in the resurrection? One thing Ede and I did a week or so ago was to meet with adults who are new to our community of faith. During our meeting I asked them what do you need from St. John's? Another way of asking this question is how do you want to live out your life of faith in this wonderful community of faith. As the conversation developed it was clear to me there is a need for a young adults' Sunday school class. I also heard about this need during the pandemic. Therefore, next month we will meet during the Sunday school hour. We will discuss The Rev. Furman Buchanan's book, *Gifts of God for the People of God*. This class is open to all of our young adults.

Also, a couple of months ago, Donna Stewart and I met with Pastor Larry Hawkins at Union Baptist Church to discuss ways for us to come together as we serve our Lord together. One of the possibilities we discussed once the restrictions of the pandemic open up is to do an outreach project together. Our conversation was wonderful and fruitful as we discussed all kinds of possibilities like building a Habitat Home together.

Christ's peace.

St. John's Annual Work Day - April 9

Let's do some spring cleaning

We are looking for any and all volunteers who can help during St. John's Annual Work Day on Saturday, April 9. We plan to work around our grounds from 8:30 until we wrap up.

We will be sprucing up the outside areas around the church. There are several ways you can help - trimming, pulling weeds,



pressure washing, raking, laying mulch or pine straw, etc.

Please let the office know if you can help. If you have any gardening/yard work tools you can bring, let the office know. Trimmers, chainsaws, rakes, pitchforks, pressure washers are all needed.

Soup Sandwich

St. John's will again host soup and sandwich lunches during Holy Week. The lunch dates are Monday through Thursday, April 11 through 14, at 12:40 p.m. following the service.

Come join us! In the past, these lunches have been a wonderful time of fellowship during the week leading up to Easter.

We are asking for volunteers who are willing to prepare sandwiches and/or soup for one of these dates. We still have a few available slots in our sign-up list.

Flowering of the Cross

The Flowering of the Easter Cross is a tradition of transforming a symbol of death, darkness, and pain into something beautiful, new and alive in celebration of the Resurrection of Christ.

On Easter Day, we will be Flowering the Cross at the 10:30 service. Please don't forget to bring your lovely spring garden offerings. So many plants are blooming this month. All members are invited to bring a bloom — children and adults.

The cross will be at the front of the church. Please add your blossoms wherever there's a spot when you enter the church. Let's transform that old wooden cross into a sign of celebration, gratitude and hope.

Children's Ministry Calendar Update

April 9 - Jackson County Children's Ministry Spring Gathering hosted by St. John's
9 – 10:30 a.m.
The Theme is *Growing*.

April 17 – Children's Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30 a.m. service. Please bring filled plastic eggs no later than Thursday April 14, to be hidden during the service. Also, please have your child bring their Easter basket with them.

July 10-12 - Vacation Bible School
5 -7:15 p.m. The theme this year is
The Trinity.

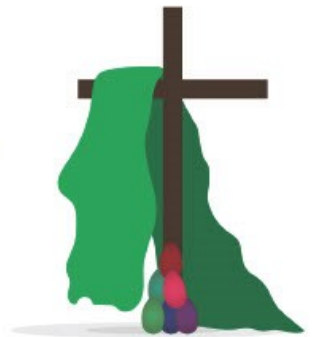
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 MIRACLE
 REJOICE
 SAVIOR
 TOMB



St. John's Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage, *Bishop*
 The Rev. Tom Fanning, *Rector*
 The Rev. Ede Plovanch, *Part Time Associate Priest*
 Hope Shotts Steiner, *Organist-Choir Director*
 Terry Willis, *Sexton*
 Jenn Johnson, *Church Secretary*
 Amy Baker, *Children's Ministry*
 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*
 Bobby Baker - *Assistant Treasurer*

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2022 APRIL

SUNDAY

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01	02
John Bailey	Kevin Williamson *Tina & Greg Hicks	*Beth & Kevin Williamson	06	Terral Latady	Kelly Smith	Amee McLendon Seth Waters
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
	Kevin Williamson					Kiel Green Bill Nelson Carpenter Stevens *Taylor & Trey Sublett
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Frances Latady	Terry Guynn	Hart Banahan William Battley	Kate Battley		Oliver Morris John Warren
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Brunson Hillsabeck Carol Hutcherson	Greg Kinsey	*Taylor & John Banahan *Pashala & Jason Battley	Beth Pickel	*Theresa & Karl Steinberger
*Kathy & Rick Roberts		*Kristin & Parker Pugh		Nathan Bosio		Marielle Harkey Marjorie Irvine
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Gayden Purcell Blaire Stewart Kayla Waters	Parker Pugh *Nichole & Archie Fitch	Porter Jordan	Cole Branch Becky Ewing *Dane & Ryan Zelenka	Addyson Switzer Melanie Tristani	Abigail Banahan Cordie Nelson Jarret Pettis Jane Pillsbury
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Lay Ministry Schedule April 2022

	April 3rd The Fifth Sunday in Lent	April 10th Palm Sunday	April 16th The Great Vigil of Easter	April 17th Easter Day	April 24th The Second Sunday of Easter
Verger	Bill Nelson 8:00am Bob McDonald 10:30am Calen Wills Monica Donald	Dale Harkey 8:00am Gina Bardwell 10:30am Teresa Williamson Carol Hutchinson	Bill Nelson 7:30pm	Dale Harkey 8:00am Teresa Williamson 10:30am Calen Wills Anna Stewart	Dustin Taylor 8:00am Gina Bardwell 10:30am Karl Steinberger Kathy Khayat Bruner Bosio
Acolytes	Gabby Kyzar, Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates			Gabby Kyzar, Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates	
Worship Camera	Matt Jones	Bob Plovovich	Bob Plovovich	Bill Stewart	Matt Jones
Ushers	Calen Wills	David Minkler		Calen Wills	Ted Battley
Altar Guild	Tonya Latady & Judy Williamson	Marilyn Boman & Nell Norwood	Rhonda Shook	Priscilla Battley, Rhonda Shook, & Len Murray	Amanda Johns & Laura Branch
Flower Guild	N/A	Stacey Baumhauer	Stacey Baumhauer	Amy Baker	Sherry Boman
Sunday School Teachers	Deanna Battley & Dylan Demouey	Amy Baker & Deborah Banahan	N/A	N/A	Dylan Demouey & Abby Wills