



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

May 2022

Alleluia. Christ is risen. - The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Dear Friends,

Greetings to all of you during this Easter Tide as we experience the resurrection of our Lord. Easter is a time to celebrate as we let go of the old and take on the new. It is the old way of death having the final word and the new way of death as a transition into a new life eternal. This letting go of the old and living the new is something that we must always recognize this time of the year.

The other day when I read the first article in Mississippi Episcopalian, I didn't seem to have much hope. The article dealt with The Episcopal Church shrinking, which looked to me and felt like the overall church is in decline. The article dealt with new strategies of how the "church will survive" in these declining times.

I may be an eternal optimist because I don't see any indication of decline at St. John's. What I see are new folks coming to church.

I see children excited about being in church and Sunday School. I am thankful to Amy Baker and all the ladies who are supporting this ministry.

I see a new spirit of enthusiasm as all the COVID protocols have been lifted. I think what I see and feel is resurrection at St. John's. Even though the rest of the Episcopal Church is in decline we are not there. And for that each of us should be thankful to God and participate in this community that is enjoying the Resurrections.

Alleluia. Christ is risen (and we are rising as well)!

Christ's peace.

Tom

St. John's Annual Work Day

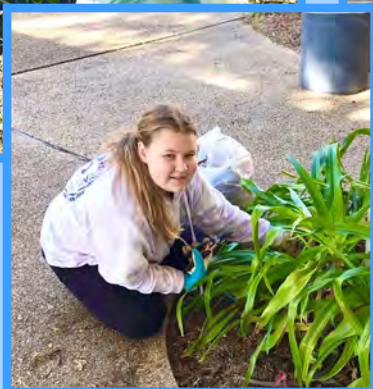
What a difference a day makes!

A huge thank you goes to all who came out for our Annual Work Day to beautify and maintain our grounds. Volunteers described the day as “a labor of love” while they worked side by side to pull weeds, add mulch, trim bushes, clean walkways and much more to make our grounds shine.

Volunteers showed up with tools in hand ready to put in the work, and that’s exactly what they did. Not everyone who worked is shown in these photos, but these give a glimpse of the day and the effort that went into it.



Annual Work Day *continued . . .*



“A labor of love”

Palm Sunday & Holy Week at St. John's

"Thank you to all who volunteered and participated in Palm Sunday and Holy Week services and activities. Making palm crosses, providing meals for our Holy Week lunches, organizing children's activities, preparing the altar and flowers, bringing flowers for the cross and much more had to happen for our week to be as nice as it was," said Father Tom. "Thank you to our staff, too, for all the extra effort involved that week."



**Palm Sunday &
Holy Week
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Upcoming events on Children's Ministry calendar

May 8 - Mother's Day Celebration in the Parish Hall
9:30 am

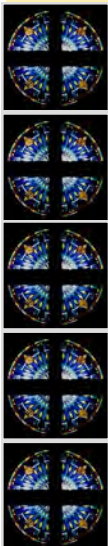
May 29 – No Sunday School

June 5 - Pentecost Sunday
Children will process in with ribbon wands.

Parish reminders for all

Lost & Found Box - We have accumulated a large box of items in our lost & found. It's located in the parish hall. Please take a minute to look through it to see if you've left anything behind.

Office Reminder - Jenn will be on vacation from May 9 through May 13. If you have any questions or concerns during that time, please reach out to Fr. Tom.



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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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 Asher Switzer	02 Deborah Banahan Jill Bosio *Sarah & Garrett Busby	03 Crew Baria Stacey Baumhauer Brooklyn Parrish	04 Mike Khayat	05 Tom Fanning	06 Regina Riser	07 Jennifer Kimball *Therese & Matt Jones
08 Billy Bogdahn Doug Estle	09	10 Sylvia Brister Laura Grace Warren	11 Laken McBroom Charles Shook	12 Chole Johnson	13	14 *Rhonda & Charles Shook
15	16 TH Schaub Robert Tolleeson	17 Steven Crowder	18	19	20 Monica Donald	21
22 Andrew Battley	23 David Lewis Hervey Purcell Cayla Switzer *Catherine & Billy Miller	24 George Kimball	25 Ted Battley Peggy Cooper *Mary Mgt & John Bailey	26	27 Shirley Battley Clare Baumhauer Matthew Burnsed Emeka Ekenna Jenn Johnson	28
29 *Annie & John Vaughan *Anniversary	30 Toben DuBose	31 *Jessica & Taylor McNeel	01	02	03	04

Lay Ministry Schedule May 2022

	May 1st The Third Sunday of Easter	May 8th The Fourth Sunday of Easter	May 15th The Fifth Sunday of Easter	May 22nd The Sixth Sunday of Easter	May 29th The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Verger	Dustin Taylor	Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson	Dustin Taylor	Dale Harkey
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Lectors/ Chalice Bearer	Mary Maner	Bob McDonald	Priscilla Battley	Teresa Williamson	Gina Bardwell
	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am
	Mary Mgt Bailey	Rick Roberts	Charles Shook	Calen Wills	Karl Steinberger
	Monica Donald	Anna Stewart	Bruner Bosio	Carol Hutcherson	John Banahan
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Acolytes	Gabby Kyzar, Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates		Gabby Kyzar, Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates		Gabby Kyzar, Fin Battley, & Jonathan Gates
Worship Camera	Bob Plovovich	Bill Stewart	Matt Jones	Bob Plovovich	Bill Stewart
Ushers	Leonard Fuller	John Banahan	David Minkler	Calen Wills	Ted Battley
Altar Guild	JoAnne Fontaine & Judy Williamson	Priscilla Battley & Amanda Johns	Brenda Lancaster & Anna Stewart	Catherine Miller & Mary Bet Evans	Nell Norwood & Marilyn Boman
Flower Guild	Barbie Harkey	Janet Donald	Mimm Bilbo	Theresa Steinberger	Stacey Baumhauer
Sunday School Teachers	Kristin Pugh, Abby Wills, & Kelci Miller	Deborah Banahan & Amy Baker	Dylan Demouey & Taylor Banahan	Amy Baker & Deborah Banahan	No Sunday School