



# St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

July 2022

Dear Friends,

I hope all of you are doing well during these hot months of summer. It is during this hot time of the year that not only is our grass growing but things are beginning to come alive at St. John's. This should give us great hope as we are coming out of the restrictions of Covid. As someone told me the other day, someone becomes sick very fast from Covid, but it takes a long time for the person to recover. This I think is what has happened to us at St. John's after a two-year period of having restrictions placed upon us.

There are a number of signs that things are beginning to grow beyond those Covid years. We are having our first Vacation Bible School in almost 3 years. We are able to have our drawdown this year and some different folks have stepped up to the plate to organize it. As we go through these times, I am excited about the future and what it may hold for us. We will also begin preparing new folks to the Episcopal Church for confirmation when Bishop Seage visits us on Feb 5, 2023.

The process will begin on August 7th when we will begin reading the book, **The Gifts of God for the People of God**. This six-week class will be on Sunday mornings and

is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the traditions of the Episcopal church or those who just want a refresher. (See the article on Page 4 for details.) Then we will read **A People Called Episcopalians**. It is my plan that we will finish the class the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

One thing I have wanted to start at St. John's is a Barnabas Guild. Barnabas was St. Paul's sponsor when he was admitted to the group of followers of Jesus. A Barnabas member will be someone who is already a member of St. John's who travels alongside the person seeking confirmation and is there to support them and encourage them. When the confirmand is presented to the Bishop for confirmation the Barnabas member will serve as the sponsor-presenter.

If you would like to become a member of the Barnabas Guild, please let me know. There are lots of opportunities at St. John's and I hope you will participate as we continue our journey together.

Peace,

*Tom*

**Save the Date: Aug. 6**

# Drawdown promises a *roaring* good time

Submitted by Parker Pugh

Mark your calendars! The 16th Annual Drawdown will be on Aug. 6th, 2022, at the Grand Magnolia Ballroom from 6:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. The theme this year will be “Roaring 20’s.” You may wish to wear your “Roaring 20’s” attire, but it is not required.

There will be an open bar, heavy hors d’oeuvres, and a chance to win up to \$10,000! As in the past, tickets for the drawdown will be \$100. One ticket admits 2 guests, and you do not have to be present to win. There will be only 250 tickets available for sale!

Again this year, there will be an option to split the pot as well as an option to purchase insurance for \$20. If you purchase insurance and your ticket is drawn in the first fifty draws your ticket will go back in the hopper, and you will have one more chance to win! Your ticket can only be put back in the hopper one time. We ask everyone selling tickets to please encourage the purchase of the insurance. For more information on the Drawdown tickets, contact Kathy Khayat (228-355-3355), Rhonda Shook (239-849-2346) or the church office.

We would also like to share that any members or local businesses that would like to be a sponsor for this year’s drawdown have an opportunity to do so for \$300. Business logos or names of people who donate will be featured on a banner at the Grand Magnolia the night of the drawdown. If you know of anyone or any business that would be interested in sponsoring the event, please reach out to them and print and share the sponsorship form on page 5 of this newsletter.

As opposed to years prior, there will be both a silent auction and raffles for several nice items donated by St. John’s members and local businesses. Proceeds from these efforts will benefit the St. John’s Endowment Fund with the exception of the liquor basket proceeds donated by the vestry. As the Endowment Fund is set up for outreach and Christian ministry, the revenue to the Endowment Fund will be used for just that. If you have an item you believe will be of interest to the raffle or silent auction, please reach out to Karl Steinberger (228-762-8021). All

raffle tickets will be sold at the door, and you must be present to win.

As mentioned above, there will be a raffle for a liquor basket for which the contents are donated by the vestry members. However, if you would like to donate a bottle as well, please reach out to a member of the vestry. The proceeds from the liquor basket will go to support continued ministry of St. John’s and small capital improvement projects.

With the event only a month away, we are asking all members to reach out to a vestry member or contact Kathy Kyhat (228-355-3355) or Rhonda Shook (239-849-2346) for tickets and sell as many tickets as you can!

If you would like any further information on the drawdown or would like to volunteer, please reach out to Matt Jones (601-441-5093), Parker Pugh (228-297-4020) or the church office.

It is going to be a great time!



All are welcome . . .

## New book study to begin Aug. 7

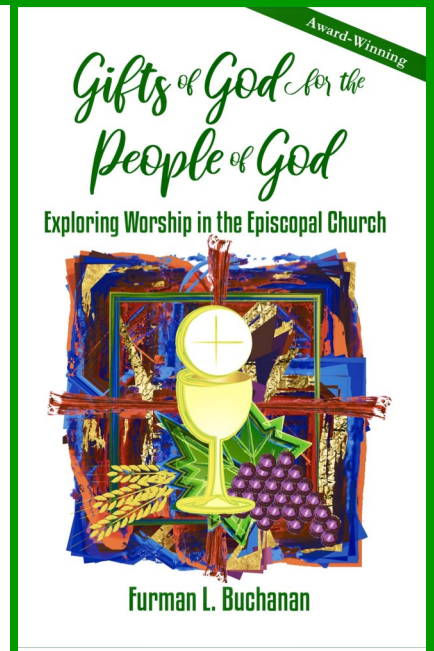
All members of St. John's as well as those interested in joining the church are welcome to participate in a new St. John's book study starting August 7.

This six-week book study will feature **Gifts of God for the People of God, Exploring Worship in the Episcopal Church**, by Furman L. Buchanan. "This book has wonderful insights into what we do on Sunday morning and beyond the stained glass windows," said Fr. Tom Fanning. "Even lifelong Episcopalians find new meaning in the service after reading this book."

The six study sessions will be held on Sunday mornings beginning Aug. 7 from 9:15 to 10 a.m. in a classroom of the Parish Hall.

If you are interested in participating, you can order your copy of the book here ([Amazon](#)) or another bookseller of your choice. We also have a few copies available at the church.

Please contact Jenn in the church office to join this exciting study group.



### Thoughts on stewardship

## Annual Pledge Drive to begin in October

In a few months, we will have our Annual Pledge Drive. This is a good time to begin to think and pray about your pledge. Here are some of the many reasons why we might be motivated to give to the church.

Some could feel they are paying a "membership fee" and in exchange are receiving something from the church. The "something" could be a deeply moving inspiration, a sense of ensuring the availability of the pastoral offices or to buy entrance into a beneficial moral environment. Some might just want to establish eligibility for other benefits of the church and to know there is a church family for help and support. There is nothing really wrong with wanting any of these things from the church.

Some want to give and see the results of their gifts, perhaps helping those who have a particular need. These people can be referred to as mission-oriented, or sometimes as outreach-motivated. Giving such as this to benefit others is in accordance with the second of Jesus' summary

commandments: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

The greatest reason to give, however, is for our thankfulness and love of God. In this way we are giving to God in gratitude for what we have received from God. In this idea, one is giving without attention to which of God's purposes the gift will be used for. The giver is turning over control of the gift, even indirect control. When the giver totally releases control, the transfer can really be called a gift. Maybe this type of giver never felt they owned what they are giving away anyway! Prayerfully reflect on this: "All things come of thee, O Lord: of Thine own have we given Thee."

Look for more information over the coming months. St. John's Annual Pledge Drive will begin on October 16 and end on October 30. Each parishioner will receive a letter with a pledge card to either bring to Church or return by mail. Each of us will be challenged to live and give more generously as God has given to us. Please join us in this important endeavor.

# Reminder to use secure drop box

As a reminder, we now have a secure drop box built into the church office door. It's available for you use when dropping off documents, checks, etc. Many of you have made use of it over the past couple of months.

We are asking all church members to use the drop box instead of placing items in the

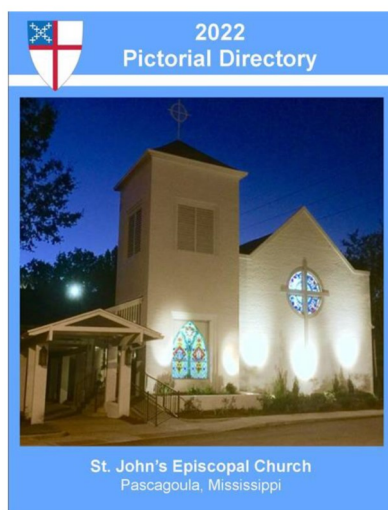
unlocked mailbox across from the door. The drop box provides added security as only Fr. Tom and Jenn have keys, and they check the box daily during office hours.

The drop box is located on the front door of the office and is large enough to hold most documents.

## Printed directories should arrive soon

Our new printed directories are expected back from the printer any day. Jenn will notify those who ordered one once they arrive.

As a reminder, all members can update their **online** directory information throughout the year and change photos, too. Once in the directory, simply click on "Menu" and then "Edit my Family."



### 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**
- Amy Baker, Children's Ministry**
- Pam Eaves, Nursery Attendant**

### 2022 Vestry

- Kelly Smith - Senior Warden**
- Deborah Banahan - Junior Warden**
- Deborah Banahan - Parish Activities**
- Rhonda Shook - Outreach**
- Con Lancaster - Treasurer**
- Donna Stewart - Vestry Clerk**
- Bobby Baker - Assistant Treasurer**
- Amanda Johns - Member**
- Matt Jones - Member**

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**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Annual Drawdown**

**SPONSORSHIP**

**Sponsor's Name:**

**Sponsor's Address:**

**Sponsor's Telephone Number:**

**Amount of Sponsorship: \$300.00**

# JULY

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

## SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	01	02
Kailey Hunter	Carl Megehee	Linda Holden	Fin Battley Andrew Bosio Joshua Dickens	Curtis Bailey Mary Maner	Carter Warren	Anna Kate Pettis
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Kevin Williamson	Tom Beery Lanny Beery  *Lanny & Tom Beery			Gabrielle Baker Mary Kirksey	Mackenzie Boman	Suzanne Kinsey
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Steve Baker	Barry Baria Stephanie Lee Charles McVea	Brenda Lancaster Fred Waters			Debra Smith	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Charles Busby Joshua Switzer		John Battley  *Keith & Jim Horne	Thomas Nichols Amelia Parrish	Judy Kinard Larry Pickel John Stoudenmire Shannon Waters	Elizabeth Bailey Bob Donald Cody Fitch	Rocky Bond Jarrett Green Kathy Khayat
31	01	02	03	04	05	06
Tristin Fitch Nikki Scoville						

\*Anniversary

## Lay Ministry Schedule July 2022

	<b>July 3rd</b> The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>July 10th</b> The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>July 17th</b> The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>July 24th</b> The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	<b>July 31st</b> The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Verger</b>	Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson	Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson	Dustin Taylor
	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
<b>Lectors/ Chalice Bearer</b>	Gina Bardwell	Priscilla Battley	Bob McDonald	Teresa Williamson	Gina Bardwell
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
	Karl Steinberger	Mary Mgt Bailey	Charles Shook	Calen Wills	Kathy Khayat
	Rick Roberts	Bruner Bosio	Anna Stewart	Carol Hutcherson	
	Kathy Roberts	Monica Donald	John Banahan	Anna Stewart	Rick Roberts
<b>Worship Camera</b>	Bob Plovovich	Bob Plovovich	Matt Jones	Bob Plovovich	Bill Stewart
<b>Ushers</b>	Ted Battley	John Banahan	Leonard Fuller	Calen Wills	David Minkler
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Priscilla Battley Marilyn Boman	Laura Branch JoAnne Fontaine	Brenda Lancaster Connie Belk	Catherine Miller Mary Bet Evans	Amanda Johns Tonya Latady
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Janet Donald	Jill Bosio	Barbie Harkey	Stacey Baumhauer	Theresa Steinberger