



# St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

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August 2022

Dear Friends,

It has taken us a while to get here, but there are a number of things happening at St. John's that will bring us all great joy. These things are happening because folks have stepped up and made them happen. The only way I can explain it is that people are listening to the calling of God to step up and get involved.

For eight years now we have been working together to try to have active education programs. On Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> we will have more people involved in the education programs than we have had since I began serving at St. John's.

The ladies Bad Girls Sunday School class, two levels of children's education, our book study and inquirers' class will all be meeting. This will take place between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

I am also excited about the drawdown being held this year. A few months back the

drawdown wasn't going to happen, but folks who haven't been involved in the drawdown in years past stepped up to make it happen.

There is a spirit of excitement happening at St. John's now and that is contagious. People are stepping into new and exciting roles.

Another thing that has been missing over the years are youth acolytes at the 10:30 am service. We now have three different teams of acolytes who will be serving at that service. They are learning and growing in their faith.

Brothers and Sisters we are in a great place here at St. John's, and I am excited to be a part of all that is happening. I hope you are as well.

Peace,

*Tom*

# V B S 2022



St. John's Vacation Bible School was a huge success this year with more than 45 children participating. Each session was filled with energetic kids eager to learn and have fun at the same time. They were treated to lessons, crafts, supper and snacks.

A huge thank you goes to Amy Baker for her leadership and to all those who supported the program by teaching, helping with crafts, preparing and serving food and so much more.



# VBS continued . . .





Saturday, Aug. 6

## St. John's Drawdown - Join the fun!

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!

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 will be used for just that. All raffle tickets will be sold at the door, and you must be present to win.

The proceeds from the liquor basket will go to support continued ministry of St. John's and small capital improvement projects.

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.

Come join the fun!

*It's not too late to join*

## New book study to begin Sunday, Aug. 7

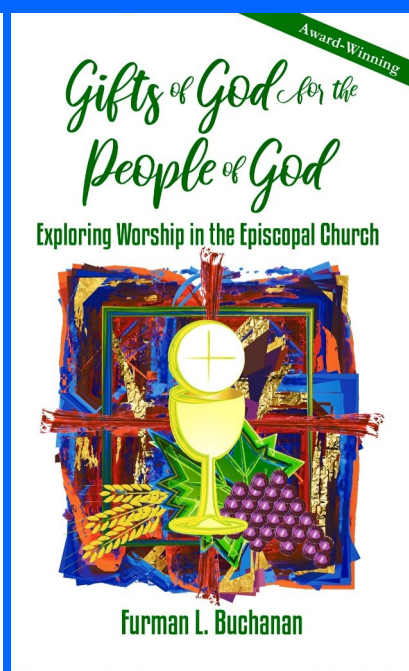
All members of St. John's as well as those interested in joining the church are welcome to participate in a new St. John's book study starting August 7.

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](https://www.amazon.com)) 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.



**YOU'RE INVITED**

# St. John's Rally Day

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7  
9:30 A.M.**

- CHILDREN COME IN YOUR SWIMSUITS
- BRING ALL THE WATER GUNS
- ENJOY AN OLD FASHIONED PICNIC
- WITH WATERMELON & FRIED CHICKEN



## 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*

## 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*  
Kathy Khayat - *Member*

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# AUGUST

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	01 *Shirley & John Battley	02 *Marjie & Tom Fanning	03 Aron Frederic Brent Higdon	04 Nick Morrison	05 Joel Waters	06 Beth Williamson
07 Laura Branch Linda Grimes	08 Henry Waters	09	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 Calen Wills *Gayden & Hervey Purcell	22 Ann Banahan	23 Holly Warren	24 *Len & Donnie Murray	25	26 Pamela Williamson	27 *Judy & John Kinard
28	29 Ben Donald Jimmy Smith Robert Walker	30 Chris Gregory Jessica McNeel *Alice & Robert Baker	31	01	02	03

\*Anniversary

## *Lay Ministry Schedule August 2022*

	<b>August 7th</b> The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>August 14th</b> The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>August 21st</b> The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	<b>August 28th</b> The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Verger</b>	Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson	Dustin Taylor	Dale Harkey
<b>Lectors/ Chalice Bearer</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
	Priscilla Battley	Mary Maner	Bob McDonald	Teresa Williamson
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
	Karl Steinberger	Mary Mgt Bailey	Charles Shook	Kathy Khayat
	Monica Donald Bruner Bosio	Rick Roberts Anna Stewart	Carol Hutcherson	Anna Stewart Monica Donald
<b>Acolytes</b>	Fin Battley, Emily Pugh, & Nelson Pugh	Landon Beasley, Andrew Gates, & Johnathan Gates	Gabby Kyzar, Parker Demouey, & Anderson Wills	Fin Battley, Emily Pugh, & Nelson Pugh
<b>Worship Camera</b>	Bill Stewart	Bob Plovanich	Bill Stewart	Matt Jones
<b>Ushers</b>	Ted Battley	John Banahan	Leonard Fuller	David Minkler
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Len Murray Judy Williamson	Rhonda Shook Priscilla Battley	Anna Stewart JoAnne Fontaine	Catherine Miller Mary Bet Evans
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Amy Baker	Deborah Banahan	Barbie Harkey	Stacey Baumhauer
<b>Sunday School Teachers</b>		Amy Baker, Deborah Banahan, Abby Wills, & Taylor Banahan	Amy Baker & Deborah Banahan	Amy Baker, Cayla Switzer, Dylan Demouey, & Deanna Battley