



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

Dear Friends,

September 2022

Over the past few weeks, I have been very encouraged about our attendance during all our worship services and educational programming. All this along with having three acolytes on Sundays has given me a real sense of fullness about where we are now. This, in a way, gives us a vision of where we as a faithful congregation can go in the future.

This growth didn't happen overnight and was certainly slowed down by COVID. But in the last few weeks, we have gotten a glimpse of what is possible for our future. I know I have dreams of what we might look like in the years to come with worship and programming. What we are seeing and experiencing now is a new foundation of growth, and it's a foundation we can build on if we choose to do so.

Next month we will have our stewardship campaign. It is a time when we will all be asked to make a pledge for 2023. In much the same way as we visualize what is possible for us as a community of faith, our pledge drive lets us think about our own role in that future. What are we willing to do individually for the future of St. John's? How much skin are we willing to put in the game as far as our resources go? How excited are we about the future when it comes to our resources? These are questions we can only answer ourselves, but the answer is something we can place on our pledge cards.

More important than this is that what is on our pledge card is about is our personal relationship with God. I like the way my friend Father Furman Buchanan wrote about this relationship in his book, *Gifts of God for the People of God*. When Father Buchanan writes about the offertory part of our service, he puts it in context of where we have been in the service before then and goes on to say what the

offertory really means. Father Furman writes,

“The money, bread and wine are not the first gifts we have offered to God in our celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our first offering was the prayers of the people, when we gave up the deepest needs and desires of our hearts over which we have no control.

Second, we offer our confession – the thing over which we have some marginal control but still hinges mostly on God's (and our neighbor's) willingness to forgive. Third, we offered the peace of Christ—the gift over which we have mutual control. This offering is fully realized only when we share it with one another.

The offertory then is the culmination of all these offerings. Having already given up to God's mercy the things over which we have no or only marginal control and sharing the gift of peace over which we have mutual control, we now have the opportunity to give the thing over which we have total control. At least we have a chance to offer our power.

That's right! The offertory is about much more than a collection of money! This is the sacred moment when we boldly proclaim our power to make a difference in God's name.”

So to turn over our power to God for the Kingdom of God and God's power is what we are called to do during this stewardship season. We do this in the context of a relationship with the one who loves us and cares for us more than we can ever imagine.

Christ's Peace,

Fabulous 2022 Drawdown & Silent Auction

Submitted by Karl Steinberg

The Drawdown and Silent Auction were indeed fabulous. Commendations to Parker Pugh and Matt Jones for taking the lead to move forward with the Draw Down and Silent Auction this year! Recognition to all of those who worked so hard in the planning especially Deborah Banahan, Rhonda Shook, Kathy Khayat, Father Tom, Bobby Baker, Amy Baker, Taylor Sublett and Karl Steinberger and so many St. John's parishioners who sold and bought tickets to make the drawdown and Silent Auction such a success. This year's lucky winners of \$1,000 each were Rhonda Shook, Ede Plovanich, George Sholl, Brenda Wade, Kenneth Kuluz, Robbie Perez, Brett Keenan, Connie Songe, Eddie Ehlers and Troy Baker.

Special recognition to Amy Baker and all of those who helped decorate on Friday evening including Dylan Demouey, Deborah and John Banahan, Abby and Calen Wills, Taylor Sublett, Kristin and Parker Pugh, Mary Bet Evans, Liz Evans, Rhonda and Charles Shook, Father Tom, Kathy Khayat, Barbie Harkey, Jill and Bruner Bosio, Matt and Therese Jones, Deana Battley, Robert MacOwen and many more.

Special thanks to Rhonda Shook, Linda Grimes and Kathy Khayat for the front table and Linda Grimes and Hallie Waldrop for serving as cashiers for the Silent Auction.

Extra special recognition to the sponsors this year: Coast Chevrolet Crown Dodge Chrysler, Holden Earth Moving & Construction, Dairy Queen, Heidelberg Steinberger P.A., Hometown Lumber, Cannon Ford, Lincoln, Nissan of Pascagoula, and Cannon Toyota of Moss Point, Liquors Unlimited, Grand Magnolia, Scranton's, and Mississippi Security Police.

Last but not least is appreciation for all of our Silent Auction donors including, but not limited to, Kevin, Kyle and Judge Keith Miller, Posies & Puddles, Rick Minkler, Carol Hutcherson, Liz Evans, Mary Bet Evans, Pascagoula Tire and Service Co., Dr. Jessica Taylor, Johnson Brothers Jewelry, Taylor and Johnny Banahan, Jerry Lee's, Mary Margaret and John Bailey, Ann and Patrick Campbell, Andrew Battley, Tay's BBQ, Wayne Lees Grocery and Market, Carl Rensink, Pearl by Lela Rose, Sissy Strunk, Carlet Jones, White Pelican, Brady's Steak & Seafood, Lenny's Grill & Subs, Carl Nulta, Dr. Bud Elhert, Bruner Bosio, Todd Boswell, Shell Landing, Dr. Taylor Banahan, Melange Dance Company of Jackson, County, Alice Lachausee, Pugh's Floral Shop and Liquors Unlimited.

As part of the Silent Auction, Mary Bet is sponsoring her palette party again which is always enjoyed by all.

The final tallies are not in at the time of publication. All monies from the Silent Auction benefit St. John's Permanent Endowment Fund where disbursements are restricted to outreach and Christian education. Grants are available each year to fulfill the purposes of the Fund and to ensure the future!



Drawdown 2022

Festive Night of Fun for All



Festive Drawdown Event continued . . .



2022 Rally Day & Blessing of the Backpacks



Palette Party raises money for Endowment Fund



St. John's

Family Night

Nerf Gun Games

Parents vs. Kids Competitions

Bring your own Nerf gun and have some fun!

Sept. 25
5 - 7 p.m.



mark  your **Calendar**

*Feast of St. Francis &
Blessing of the Animals*

October 2, 2022 at 10:30 service

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*

Kathy Khayat - *Member*

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

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	01	02	03
Elizabeth Fontanie James Williams	Landon McCarty	Lori Warren		Billy Williamson *Terry & Michael Donahue	Karen Nelson	Stratton Frederic
04	05	06	07	08	09	10
					Ben Pickett Charles Shepard Taylor Sublett Teresa Williamson	*Priscilla & Ted Bat- tley
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Sharon Thames	Dale Harkey Marie Loper		Anna Parrish Ed Ranck	Sullivan Bosio Mary Thom Capley Holly Kallston Caitlyn Knippers Dane Zelenka	Balir Higdon Rowan Kinsey Wanda Lindsay	Janet Donald
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Chet Dobrowski Beth Masters Karl Steinberger	Houston Horne	Vaughn Miller Edwin Roberts			John Cooley Lisa Estle Thomas Hicks Brittany McElhaney
25	26	27	28	29	30	01
Will Nelson	Kelci Miller Jacob Williamson	Marjie Fanning	Ede Plovanych	Sarah Busby Dustin Taylor	Hillary Armstrong Kalyn Burnsed Jean Guentz Jeremy Jones Rachel Wilkinson	

* Anniversary

Lay Ministry Schedule September 2022

	September 4th	September 11th	September 18th	September 25th
	The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	Bill Nelson	Dustin Taylor	Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson
Lectors/ Chalice Bearer	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
	Mary Maner	Gina Bardwell	Priscilla Battley	Bob McDonald
	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am
	Karl Steinberger	Mary Mgt Bailey	Calen Wills	Charles Shook
	John Banahan	Anna Stewart	Kathy Roberts	Monica Donald
	Carol Hutcherson	Kathy Roberts	Rick Roberts	Bruner Bosio
Acolytes	Landon Beasley, Parker Demouey, & Anderson Wills	Gabby Kyzar, Andrew Gates, & Johnathan Gates	Fin Battley, Emily Pugh, & Nelson Pugh	Landon Beasley, Andrew Gates, & Johnathan Gates
Worship Camera	Bob Plovanich	Bill Stewart	Matt Jones	Bob Plovanich
Ushers	John Banahan	John Banahan	Calen Wills	Leonard Fuller
Altar Guild	Connie Belk Len Murray	Laura Branch Anna Stewart	Marilyn Boman Priscilla Battely	Priscilla Battley Amanda Johns
Flower Guild	Sherry Boman	Sherry Boman	Jill Bosio	Mimm Bilbo
Sunday School Teachers	No Sunday School	Amy Baker, Deborah Banahan, & Kelci Miller	Amy Baker, Kristin Pugh, Dylan Demouey, & Deanna Battley	Abby Wills, Amy Baker, Kristin Pugh, Deanna Battley, & Therese Jones