



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

Dear Friends,

October 2022

I preached a sermon the other day about helping those on the margins of our society. In that sermon I talked about blessing bags. These are one gallon zip lock bags that will contain essential items to help folks make it through the day and provide information about how they can begin the process of finding a place where they can live so that they will not be in the hot sun and must beg for money and food.

During the sermon I listed a few items that will be placed in the bags, but we are still working on figuring out what items we need to include. Certainly, water and some type of food will be part of the contents. If you have any ideas on what items need to be in these bags please email Jenn and we will consider your suggestions.

The blessing bags are something that I hope you will keep in your car. When you see someone in need you may give it to the person. The encounter doesn't need to be one where you don't feel safe. The last thing I want any of us to do is put ourselves in an unsafe situation. The bags will probably be two to three inches thick so you can keep your window closed and motion for the person to come over to your car and crack the window wide enough for the bag to be passed through. This way the person in need will receive the bag and you will be able to stay safe.

All you have to say is God bless you when the bag is passed through the crack of the window. The information they will receive to help them

come out of a homeless situation is a card that has the phone number for the Open Doors Homeless Coalition. This is a charity organization that helps homeless people find an apartment where they will be able to begin living a better life. You may look this organization up on their web site at <https://www.opendoorshc.org/>.

This is one way we can be Jesus' healing presence in the world. As I said in my sermon, these gallon bags of supplies aren't going to make a difference to everyone who is in need but they will make a difference to someone in need! When we read the gospels one thing we will notice is that Jesus healed people one at a time and that is what I believe our mission is with these blessing bags.

It is still my hope that we will be able to make them available to you on All Saints Sunday as we recognize our own sainthood and live into being Christ's Body in our world today.

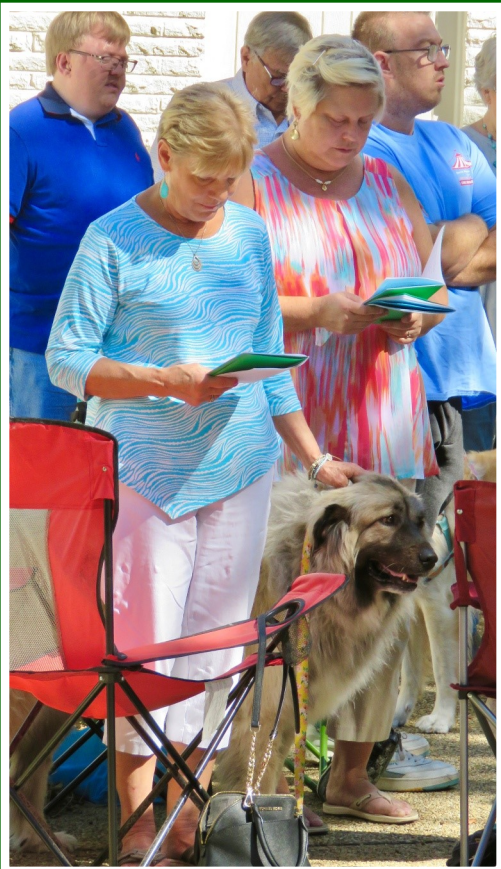
Christ's Peace,

Mass on the Grass & Pet Blessing

Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi



Feast Day of St. Francis continued . . .



*A single
sunbeam is
enough to
drive away
many
shadows.*

St. Francis of Assisi

Watch for letter this week

St. John's Stewardship 2022

All members of the church should be receiving a letter regarding our Stewardship Campaign. Enclosed is a message from our senior warden, Kelly Smith, a blank pledge card and a return envelope.

This year, we have three ways to submit your pledge — mail, in person or online. You can complete the printed pledge card and return it to the church either by mail or in person. You can drop it into the offertory plate one Sunday this month, if you prefer.

For your convenience, we also have an online

pledge card on our website (www.sjecpm.org.) Look for the link "St. John's Pledge Card" and follow the links to complete and submit the pledge card online.

Please note that you only need to complete the process once, either on the printed pledge card or online. There is no need to do both.

Regardless of method, please submit your pledge card by October 30, so that our Finance Committee may start working on the 2023 Budget to present at the Annual Meeting in December.

Palette Parties give \$800+ to Endowment Fund



This is the second group that painted hydrangeas along with Mary Bet Evans and, together with the first group (featured last month), contributed more than \$800 to the St. John's Permanent Endowment Fund.

St. John's *Family Night*



Family Night photos provided by Amy Baker

Dear St. John's family:

Our family wants to express the utmost appreciation for the outpouring of love and caring for our mom and our family at this most difficult time. All of the flower arrangements were gorgeous and the lunch was amazing. Also, the homily that Fr. Tom gave was really touching and represented all the many facets of our mom's incredible life. Our mom loved this church and all its members and worked tirelessly to help others and represent her strong faith. She was the strongest woman we have ever known and she will be forever missed. We find comfort in knowing that she is no longer suffering and is with Christ and our daddy. Thank you again for everything and as mom would say, "Hotty Toddy."

Christ's peace,
The McBroom family



DATE: Sunday, October 23rd

TIME: 5 - 7 p.m.

INCLUDES: Trunk-or-Treat, jump house, games, and more

St. John's Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage, *Bishop*
The Rev. Tom Fanning, *Rector*
The Rev. Ede Plovovich, *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 Birth-
day or Anniversary
please email or call Jenn
with the date. Thank
you!

OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	01 Adeline Busby
02 Charlie Busby Addilyn Martin	03	04	05 *Terry & Fred Guynn	06 Waylon Martin Annie Laura Vaughan	07	08 Therese Jones Adalind Taylor
09	10 Kendall Bailey John Vaughan	11 Shannon Williamson	12	13 Carl Rensink	14 Connie Belk	15 Barbara McDonald
16	17	18 Jane Pickel	19	20 Dylan Demouey *Tonya & Tom Stevens	21 Andy Chenoweth Con Lancaster Alice Stoudenmire	22 Samantha Switzer Billy Williamson
23 Troy Baker Marie Jones Abigail Jones Sarah Taylor	24 Stephen Burnsed John Lindsay	25 Bill Baumhauer Richard Murray Caylie Waters	26 Kellie Crowder *Tonya & Charlie Latady	27 Taylor Banahan	28	29 Tom Browning *Taylor & Will Battley
30 Donnie Murray	31 Joshua Diaz					

*Anniversary

Lay Ministry Schedule October 2022

	October 2nd	October 9th	October 16th	October 23rd	October 30th
	The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi	The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	Dustin Taylor	Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson	Dustin Taylor	Dale Harkey
Lectors/ Chalice Bearer	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
	No Service	Teresa Williamson	Mary Maner	Gina Bardwell	Bob McDonald
	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am
	Kathy Khayat	Karl Steinberger	Calen Wills	Mary Mgt Bailey	Charles Shook
	Carol Hutcherson	Kathy Roberts	Rick Roberts	Anna Stewart	Kathy Roberts
Anna Stewart	Bruner Bosio	Monica Donald	Carol Hutcherson	Rick Roberts	
Acolytes	Gabby Kyzar, Parker Demouey, Anderson Wills	Fin Battley & Emily Pugh	Landon Beasley, Parker Demouey, Anderson Wills	Gabby Kyzar, Emily Pugh, Nelson Pugh	Fin Battley, Parker Demouey, Anderson Wills
Worship Camera	N/A	Bob Plovanich	Bob Plovanich	Bill Stewart	Matt Jones
Ushers	David Minkler	Ted Battley	Calen Wills	Ted Battley	Leonard Fuller
Altar Guild	Catherine Miller Mary Bet Evans	Tonya Latady Judy Williamson	Rhonda Shook JoAnne Fontaine	Connie Belk Amanda Johns	Len Murray Rhonda Shook
Flower Guild	Barbie Harkey	Jill Bosio	Theresa Steinberger	Sherry Boman	Amy Baker
Sunday School Teachers	All Teachers	Amy Baker, Kristen Pugh, Abby Wills	Deborah Banahan, Abby Wills, Therese Jones, Kelci Miller	Kristen Pugh, Amy Baker, Taylor Banahan	Kelci Miller, Deborah Banahan, Amy Baker, Deanna Battley