



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

May 2023

Hello and greetings this Eastertide. During Eastertide 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 above words were borrowed from last year's newsletter; I chose to use these same words because they truly represent our season from Easter through Pentecost. I also feel they reflect our 'local season' of our Rector Transition process.

During the past two months, there have been many exciting things happening at St. John's. We conducted Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. We enjoyed seafood lunches following the Holy Eucharist on Sundays. During the first few days of Holy week, many of us worshiped in the open and inviting style of Fr. Harold Roberts. These services were followed by soup and sandwiches.

This year, we added foot washing to the Maundy Thursday service, which was a beautiful experience enjoyed by many. We had many volunteers for The Passion readings during Palm Sunday and Good Friday services. Holy Saturday was celebrated with fire and candles which made that service so intimate. The bare alter was adorned with gorgeous flowers. The Easter Sunday celebration began with 'joyful noise' as the younger children began the service by flowering the cross and listening to a kid-friendly lesson. The excitement continued with the Easter Holy Eucharist and confirmed with the joyous congregational noise of raised voices with shouts of "Alleluia, Alleluia"!

Many of you (most behind the scenes) made those services and celebrations exceptional. The service preparations, servers, readers, food, adornments, and the coordination of the services was definitely work from the heart and work in service of our Lord. I have immense appreciation for our parish and all who make up our Church Family.

We are seeing progress in our season of Rector Transition. The Chair of the Search Committee has been selected and nominations for the search committee are in process. Yes, there is still time to nominate or volunteer with receipt of nominee name on or before May 8. We hope to have the committee selected soon.

After committee selection, there will be kick-off meetings and training sessions for both Vestry and the Search Committee. After that, the committee will again turn to all of you and request your input. Your input and feedback is critical to help accurately define our Parish's wants and needs for our future Rector. The input request(s) will come to you in the form of surveys; it is critical that you respond to these surveys to make the process as successful as possible. More to come on that as we begin the surveys.

I'd like to close this letter with a prayer from *The Book of Common Prayer*:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for our people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Christ's Peace,

REMINDER: Nomination Deadline: Monday, May 8

The deadline for nominations and volunteers to serve on the St. John's Search Committee is right around the corner. This committee will handle many tasks and activities for our rector search including a parish self-assessment, parish profile document, clergy nominations, candidate interviews and much more.

If you're interested in serving on the committee or want to nominate someone else, please submit the below nomination form or send an email to the church office (church.office@sjecpm.org).

You can submit your completed form to the church office by Monday, May 8 or by giving it to Senior Warden Kelly Smith, Junior Warden Bob McDonald, or Search Committee Chair Matt Jones.

The deadline for submission of names is Monday, May 8, 2023. All names **received** by that date will be considered.

From the list of nominees and volunteers, the Wardens and Chair of the Search Committee will recommend a slate of six-to-eleven members for the committee, subject to the approval by the Vestry.

Those making nominations or offering themselves for service on the Search Committee should be mindful that it is likely that not all who volunteer or are nominated will be selected for the committee.

Printed copies of the below nomination form are available in the church office and in the narthex. Only nomination and volunteer forms with an identified submitter will be considered (i.e. blind nominations will not be considered).

Please contact the Wardens or Search Committee Chair if you have questions. Thank you for giving this request your consideration.



Nomination for Member of Search Committee

I would like to nominate: _____
to be considered for membership on the Search Committee seeking our next Rector.

I would like to volunteer to be on the Search Committee seeking our next Rector. _____

I understand that there is a limited number of positions on the Search Committee and not everyone who is nominated or volunteers will be selected.

Signature of Submitter _____

Printed name of Submitter _____

Phone number _____

eMail of Submitter _____

Mark your calendar . . .

Honoring our Mothers



Please join us for a treat and fellowship as we honor our mothers on May 7, a week before Mother's Day.

- 9:30 a.m. for the Sunday school mothers
- Following the 10:30 a.m. service for all other mothers.

We are grateful and give God the glory for our wonderful mothers!

Celebrating our Graduates



We will recognize our 2023 graduates on May 21. Graduates are invited to wear their cap and gown.

Pastries and juice will follow the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall.

If you have a High School or College student who is graduating, and have not yet contacted the office, please contact Jenn for further information as soon as possible.

St. John's



Clean-Up Day

June 3

8 a.m. - Noon

Come help make our grounds shine! Snacks will be provided!



Annual
Crawfish
Boil

June 4

Following 10:30
Service

Let the good times
BOIL!

FEMA Guide to Hurricane Preparedness

Whether you've lived in the Pascagoula area for years or are new to the area, it never hurts to refresh yourself on the key elements of preparedness. Hurricane season is here once again, and just hearing that could bring about significant stress, especially if you've been through a previous disaster. To combat stress, take action now. Each positive action you take can help you feel better and more in control.

Look for steps you and your family can take to prepare ahead of time for any disaster-related needs. It's time to make a plan today. FEMA suggests that the key elements of any solid plan include:

Communications

Your family may not be together when a storm strikes, so you need to know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if you are separated. Write down your contacts and plans. Print a copy for each member of the family. Make sure everyone in the family has copies and keeps them in a safe place, like in a backpack, wallet, or taped in a notebook. Also put those plans in your cell phones.

Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find. If you have pets or service animals, think about animal-friendly locations. Consider places in your house, in your neighborhood, and outside of your city or town so you are prepared for any situation.

Supplies

Being prepared for an emergency isn't just about staying safe during a storm or a disaster. It's also about how to stay comfortable, clean, fed, and healthy afterwards. If the power

goes out, you may not be able to go to the store or the bank. Being prepared means having your own food, water, cash, and other supplies to last for at least three days, and possibly longer if you are in a remote or hard-to-reach area.

Make a kit

Remember that your kit will depend on your own needs. Include clothing, toiletries, and medications. Once you have the basic items, consider what unique needs your family might have, such as supplies for pets or seniors. See the next page of this newsletter for a checklist you can print and use.

Financial Plans

It is a challenge to rebuild your life after a destructive storm or other emergency. Having access to personal financial, insurance, medical and other records is critical for starting the recovery process quickly and efficiently.

- Gather financial and critical personal, household, and medical information.
- Keep a small amount of cash at home in a safe place. It is important to have small bills on hand because ATMs and credit cards may not work during and after a storm when you need to purchase necessary supplies, fuel, or food.



**Printable
Hurricane
Checklist**

HURRICANE EMERGENCY CHECKLIST



WATER

- Drinking water (one gallon per person per day for 14 days)
- Water for cooking and hygiene (one gallon per person per day)
- Water for pets



FOOD

- Non-perishable packaged or canned food to last 14 days
- Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned or boxed juice
- Canned or boxed milk
- Powdered coffee or tea
- Bread, crackers and cookies
- Special food for babies and the elderly
- Cereal
- Soup
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Granola bars
- Trail mix



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Cooler for ice and food storage
- Flashlights with extra batteries or hand-crank
- Car charger for cell phones
- Battery operated digital TV with car charger adapter
- Grill with extra propane, charcoal or Sterno
- Waterproof matches
- Paper plates, bowls and cups
- Napkins, paper towels and toilet paper
- Water purification tablets
- Outdoor extension cords
- Plastic eating utensils
- Important family documents
- Diapers
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Blanket
- Towels
- Cleaning supplies
- Work gloves
- Duct tape
- Multi-tool
- Waterproof tarps
- Plastic sheeting
- Rope
- Basic tool kit
- Moist towelettes
- Extra cash
- Maps
- Bicycle helmet
- Emergency generator



HEALTH ESSENTIALS

- Two week supply of prescription drugs
- Two week supply of vitamins
- Over the counter pain reliever
- Toiletries and hygiene items
- First Aid Kit
- Sunscreen
- Mosquito repellent
- Plastic garbage bags
- Antibacterial hand soap



FOR YOUR PETS

- Non-perishable food
- Water
- Medications
- Documentation and license
- Crate or pet carrier

Upcoming Events

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
May 28



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 11- 14
5:30-7:30 pm

Theme: “*Being God’s Instruments*”

Dinner will be served each night. On Wednesday, there will be a water/swim party. We sent an email with the online registration form. If your child will be attending, please complete this form. If you did not receive the email, please contact Jenn in the office.

**BLESSING OF THE BACK-
PACKS**
July 16
10:30 a.m. service

**ANNUAL DRAW- DOWN & SI-
LENT AUCTION**
August 5

Join us at the Grand Magnolia in Pascagoula for a night of fun! More information to come. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Jenn in the office.



St. John’s children flowering the cross on Easter morning.

Wearing **RED** on Pentecost

May 28 is the Day of Pentecost this year. The clergy will wear red vestments to signify the work of the Spirit. We are also encouraging our congregation to wear red on the Day of Pentecost as well. We wear red to remind us of the fire of the Spirit.



St. John’s Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage, Bishop
Vacant, Rector
Hope Shotts Steiner, Organist-Choir Director
Terry Willis, Sexton
Jenn Johnson, Church Secretary
Amy Baker, Children’s Ministry
Pam Eaves, Nursery Attendant
Lily Burnsed, Nursery Attendant

2022 Vestry

Kelly Smith - Senior Warden
Bob McDonald - Junior Warden
Bobby Baker - Treasurer
Donna Stewart - Vestry Clerk
Amanda Johns - Personnel
Liz Evans - Outreach/Communications
Johnny Banahan - Activities
Kristin Pugh - Children’s Ministry
Matt Jones - Drawdown & Camera Ops
Kathy Khayat - Member

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MAY

SUNDAY

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	01 Asher Switzer	02 Deborah Banahan Jill Bosio *Sarah & Garrett Busby	03 Crew Baria Stacey Baumhauer Brooklyn Parrish	04 Mike Khayat	05	06 Regina Riser
07 Jennifer Kimball *Therese & Matt Jones	08 Billy Bogdahn Doug Estle Addie Smith	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 Tolleson	17 Steven Crowder	18	19	20 Monica Donald
21 *Katie & John Jordan	22 Andrew Battley	23 David Lewis Hervey Purcell Cayla Switzer *Catherine & Billy Miller	24 George Kimball	25 Ted Battley Peggy Cooper *Mary Margaret & John Bailey	26	27 Shirley Battley Clare Baumhauer Matthew Burnsed Emeka Ekenna
28	29 *Annie Laura & John Vaughan	30 Toben DuBose	31 * Jessica & Taylor McNeel	01	02	03

*Anniversary