Happy Fall, St. John's!

October 2023

# Facing Change By Jan Phillips

It comes at us constantly sometimes in a whisper, like a falling leaf sometimes like a river roaring through a gorge.

It is all we know: change all we are: ever-evolving creatures of nature.

Next time you hear the stubborn bray of your donkey voice resisting the horizon ahead take a lesson from your Mother.

Watch how summer kneels down when she hears the flutter of fall.

Notice how spring melts winter's heart With her tender burst of buds.

This morning I read this beautiful poem on Jan Phillips' "Bulletins from Immortality." I get her bulletin every Sunday morning, and I thought how perfect is this poem? You may have heard

that I have accepted a new position as the chaplain manager for the Singing River Hospital System. I will be recruiting and training new volunteers for the three hospitals in the Singing River System – Pascagoula, Ocean Springs and Gulfport.

That means that I will have to return to my role as your supply priest since this is a full-time job. I will continue to take care of your pastoral needs, so please feel free to reach out with any concerns.

I will miss seeing you in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, but I will continue to see you on Sundays! That will not change.

Peace and much love,

Mother Elizabeth +

# Celebrating Jean on her 101st Birthday!







We love you, Jean!

Photos by Liz Evans

## St. John's Stewardship Campaign Kicks off

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.

Again his 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.

We also have an <u>online pledge card</u> on our website.

Look for "St. John's Pledge Card" and follow the links to complete your pledge card online. Be sure to hit the green "SUBMIT" button once you're finished.

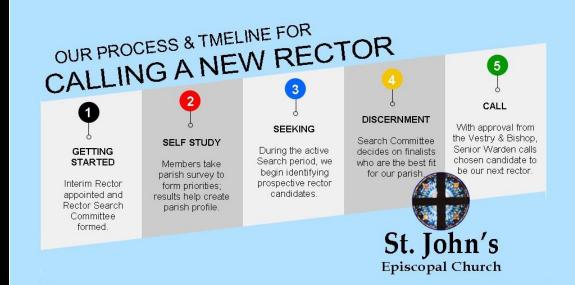
Please note that you only need to complete the process once, either on the printed pledge card or online. There is no need to do both.

Regardless of method, please submit your pledge card by November 6, so that our Finance Committee may start working on the 2024 Budget to present at the Annual Meeting in December.

## RECTOR SEARCH TIMELINE

This graphic depicts the normal timeline for the rector search process. It has been customized for St. John's to show what the committee is and will be doing during each month of the process.

We have also placed a poster-size copy in the parish hall for a quick reference.





Phase 1: GETTING STARTED (June - August 2023)



**Phase 2: SELF STUDY** (September - October 2023)



Phase 3: SEEKING (November - February 2024)



Phase 4: DISCERNMENT (Spring 2024)



Phase 5: CALL (Summer 2024)



## October 22, 5 p.m. **Back Parking Lot**

Come join all the fun with a children's carnival, dinner and, of course, treats in trunks! We'd love to have even more church members participating with their car trunks open handing out candy to the children. Contact Amy Baker if you have questions.

### Join our new Adult Bible Study

Come join our new Adult Bible Study session held each Sunday at 9:05 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Leonard Fuller leads the class and is encouraging all St. John's adults to come and participate in the study and discussion.

## **All Saints Day Flowers**

The flowers on the altar on All Saints Sunday will be in memory of the faithful departed you would like remembered. Jenn is now accepting names "In Memory of a Loved One." These names will be printed in the leaflet and read aloud during the service on November 5.

Please email Jenn in the church office with the name or names of those you would like to have included and she will respond with confirmation once she has received them.

The deadline for submitting a name will be Tuesday, Oct. 31 to ensure they are included in the booklet.

## **Mark Your Calendar**

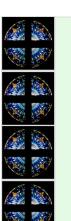
Oct. 22 **Trunk or Treat** 5 p.m., Back parking lot

Nov. 12 Thankful Luncheon Following 10:30 Service

Dec. 6 Feast of St. Nicholas of Myra 5:30 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Vacation Planned**

Our church secretary, Jenn Johnson, will be on vacation October 16 through 19. If you have a need that cannot wait, please reach out to our Sr. Warden Kelly Smith.



#### St. John's Parish Staff

The Rt. Rev. Brian Seage, Bishop Mother Elizabeth Graham. Interim Rector Hope Shotts Steiner, Organist-Choir Director Terry Willis, Sexton Jenn Johnson, Church Secretary Amy Baker. Children's Ministry Pam Eaves, Nursery Attendant

#### St. John's 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 - Member Kathy Khayat - Member

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - noon Phone: 228-762-1705

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

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SUNDAY

Saturday	07	14 Connie Belk	Andy Chenoweth Con Lancaster Alice Stoudenmire	28	40
Friday	06 Waylon Martin Annie Laura Vaughan	13 Carl Rensink	20 Dylan Demouey *Tonya & Tom Stevens	27 Taylor Banahan	03
Thursday	05 *Terry & Fred Guynn	12	19	26 Kellie Crowder *Tonya & Charlie Latady	05
Wednesday	04	11 Shannon Williamson	18 Jane Pickel	25 Bill Baumhauer Richard Murray Caylie Waters	0.1
Tuesday	03	10 Kendall Bailey John Vaughan	17	24 Stephen Burnsed John Lindsay	31 Joshua Diaz
Monday	02 Charlie Beasley Addilyn Martin	60	16	Troy Baker Marie Jones Abigail Jones Sarah Taylor	30 Donnie Murray
Sunday	01 Adeline Busby	08 Therese Jones Adalind Taylor	15 Barbara McDonald	Samantha Switzer Billy Williamson	Tom Browning *Taylor & Will Battley

	Lay Mir	Lay Ministry Schedule October 2023	le October 20	23	
	October 1st	October 8th	October 15th	October 22nd	October 29th
	Eghteenth Sunday after Pentecost	The Feast of St. Francis Twentieth Sunday after of Assisi	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
Verger	Dale Harkey	Dale Harkey	Dale Harkey		Dale Harkey
	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am	8:00am
Lectors/	Mary Maner	N/A	Bob McDonald	Gina Bardwell	Teresa Williamson
Bearer	10:30аш	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am	10:30am
	Anna Stewart	John Banahan	Stan Flint	Karen Nekon	Charles Shook
		Carol Hutcherson	Bruner Bosio		Monica Donald
Acolytes	Fin Battley, Bennett Switzer, & Ann Banahan	Landon Beasley, Izabella Beasley, Emily Pugh, & Nelson Pugh	Gabby Kyzar, Paker Demouey, & Anderson Wills	Fin Battley, Bermett Switzer, & Ann Banahan	Landon Beasley, Izabella Beasley, Emily Pugh, & Nelson Pugh
Ushers		John Banahan	Terry Harris	David Minkler	Ted Battley
Altar Guild	Mary Bet Evans Catherine Miller	Connie Belk Alice Baker	Tonya Latady Amanda Johns	Priscilla Battley Rhonda Shook	Marilyn Boman Anna Stewart
Flower Guild	Sherry Boman	Deborah Banahan	Jill Bosio	Barbie Harkey	Stacey Baumhauer