



St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

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!*

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 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.

We also have an [online pledge card](#) 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.

OUR PROCESS & TIMELINE FOR CALLING A NEW RECTOR



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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)

Trunk *or* Treat

**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*

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OCTOBER

[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
01 Adeline Busby	02 Charlie Beasley 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	01	02	03	04

*Anniversary

Lay Ministry Schedule October 2023

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