



# St. John's Episcopal Church

3507 Pine St. Pascagoula, MS 39567

Happy Fall, St. John's!

September 2023

September 10<sup>th</sup> was the second Sunday in the Season of Creation, a short liturgical season that runs from September 1 to October 4 attending to the spirituality of creation and a theology of the environment. During this time, Christians and those of other faiths are encouraged to read the Bible with our hearts attuned to the Earth and its inhabitants and our hands ready to participate with God in co-creating the future. The Episcopal Church joins this international effort for prayer and action culminating in the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th.

These suggestions for how we can do our part in helping the environment were offered in the July edition of the Mississippi Episcopalian but are worth repeating here.

## Reduce single-use plastics at church:

- Use durable plates, cups, and cutlery for coffee hour, receptions, and meals;
- Purchase kitchen staples such as cooking oil in glass or metal containers and avoid single-use servings (such as small condiment packs);
- Seek out plastic-free alternatives for cleaning supplies.

## Reduce plastic at home:

- Skip the bottled water. If you aren't comfortable with tap water, purchase a durable pitcher with a filter (Brita or similar) or install a filter on the kitchen faucet.
- Use a traditional coffee maker – avoid plastic coffee pods.
- Keep reusable shopping bags in your vehicle.

- Use wax paper instead of plastic sandwich bags for lunches.

- Switch to bar soap instead of plastic soap dispensers.

**It's difficult to change our habits all at once, so consider trying just one or two.**

The Feast of St. Francis is celebrated on October 4. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment and worship inspired by this Feast typically includes pet blessings, prayers for environmental protection and conservation, and a call to a lifestyle based in simplicity and service of others.

This prayer is a good one for today and every day!

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light; and  
where there is sadness, joy.*

*O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying  
that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

– Prayer of St. Francis

Peace and love,

*Mother Elizabeth +*



# Rally Day 2023



# Fabulous Drawdown & Silent Auction 2023

By Parker Pugh

The Drawdown and Silent Auction were indeed fabulous. Commendation to Amy Baker, Tonya Latady and Deborah Banahan for their vision, planning and implementation of the exquisite plan that made the Drawdown and Silent Auction such a success. Special recognition to the committee including Charlie Latady, Amy Baker, Calen Wills, Parker Pugh, Liz Evans, Kathy Khayat, Karl Steinberger, and so many St. John's parishioners who sold and bought tickets. This year's lucky winners of \$1,000 each were Marilyn Boman (2 tickets!), Dee Harris, Liz Evans, Judy Williamson, Michael Tolleson, K.J. Neal, Jill Bosio, Julia Nash and Blake Jackson.

Special Recognition to Amy Baker, members of the committee, Mary Bet Evans, Dylan Demouey, Therese Jones, Mike Khayat, John Banahan, Johnny Banahan, Taylor Banahan, Deanna Battley and many more.

Special thanks to Linda Grimes, Kathy Khayat, Mike Khayat, Hallie Waldrop, and Karl Steinberger for serving as cashiers for the Silent Auction.

Extra special recognition to the sponsors this year: Dairy Queen, Gulf Breeze Landscaping, Gulf Coast OB/GYN, Gulf Coast Radiology, Heidelberg, Steinberger, Burrow and Armer, PA, Holden Earth Moving and Construction, Johnson's Brothers Jewelry, Liquors Unlimited, Pearl by Lela Rose,

Scranton's Restaurant, The Grand Magnolia, The White Pelican and the sponsorships for Emily, Charlie, and Billy Baker and for Dr. Robert Donald & Dr. Emile and Marcia Baumhauer.

Last but not least is appreciation for all of our Silent Auction donors including Susan Bosco, Ground Zero Blues Club, Amy Baker, Mary Bet Evans, Abby Wills, Terral Baker, Debbie Willis, Carlet Jones, Bud Elhert, Kelly Newton, John & Deborah Banahan, Johnny and Taylor Banahan, Jessica and Taylor McNeel, Kelci Miller, Rhonda and Charles Shook, Billy and Catherine Miller, Alice Lachaussee, Alice Baker, The White Pelican, Carl Rensink, Teresa Williamson, Caroline Knight, Bozo's Too, Pugh's Florist, Pascagoula River Audubon, Dylan Demouey, Yazoo River Bucks and Ducks (Andrew Battley), Posies & Puddles, Deborah Banahan, Kitty Boland and Taylor Banahan.

The final tallies are not in at the time of publication. Proceeds from the Drawdown and Silent Auction are divided between the Church where the vestry is earmarked, renovations of the Parish hall as well as outreach and the St. John's Permanent Endowment Fund, where disbursements are restricted to outreach and Christian education.

Once again, thanks to all.



*Thank you to everyone who took the time to take our Search Committee Survey! With your valuable input, we will be able to finalize our documents and materials that support our search. Our sincerest appreciation!*

**Your St. John's Search Committee**

## Endowment Fund Accepting Applications For Grant Requests

With the generous support of the parishioners, St. John's Permanent Endowment Fund has grown to the point where grants can be awarded to fulfill the purpose of religious education and establishing new outreach vehicles. Up to 3% of the balance of unrestricted assets of the Fund on record as of December 31 of each year will be available.

The Trustees of the Endowment Fund are accepting grant applications from St. John's parishioners. An application form is attached to the email along with this newsletter. Any parishioner who knows of a worthy project which meets the criteria is encouraged to complete an application and submit it to the church office.

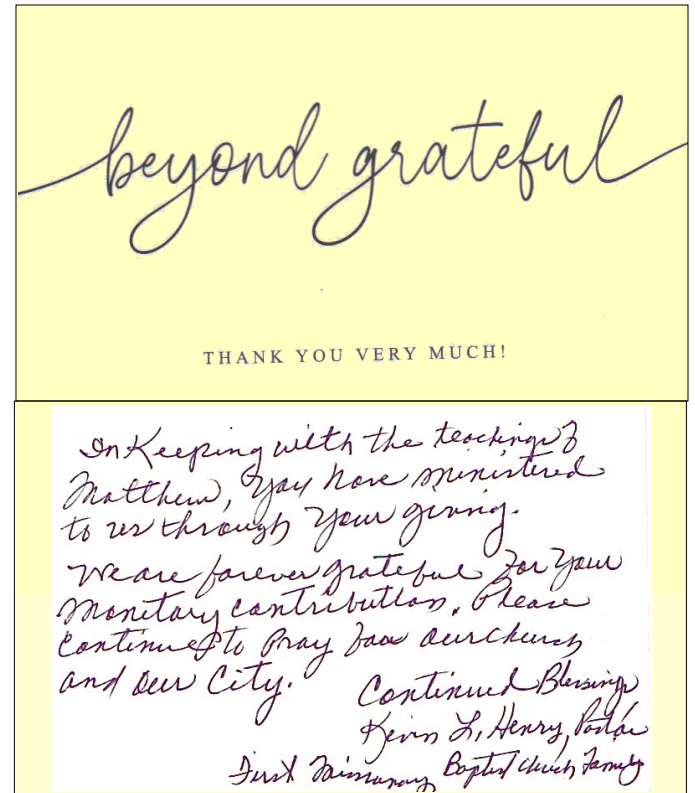
Grant applications will be reviewed and considered as they are received by the Trustees, which include Parker Pugh, Calen Wills, Karl Steinberger, and Senior Warden Kelly Smith. If the requested funds are awarded, they must be expended within one year of disbursement.

For further information, please contact the church office or any of the Trustees.

## Join the new Adult Bible Study

Just getting started this month is a new Adult Bible Study session held each Sunday at 9:05 a.m. in the Parish Hall. When other activities are held in the Parish Hall, we will move into adjacent space. Leonard Fuller leads the class and is encouraging all St. John's adults to come and participate in the study and discussion.

## Thank You Note for St. John's



Through your generous donations and our Outreach funding, St. John's donated \$1,000 to the First Missionary Baptist Church of Moss Point following the devastating tornado that severely damaged their church.

The above thank you note reads, "In keeping with the teachings of Matthew, you have ministered to us through your giving. We are forever grateful for your monetary contributions. Please continue to pray for our church and our city." It is signed, "Continued Blessings, Kevin L. Henry, Pastor, First Missionary Baptist Church Family."

Thank you for your generosity and your concern for our neighbors and friends.



### 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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If we missed your Birth-day or Anniversary please email or call Jenn with the date. Thank you!

# SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

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

\*Anniversary

# Lay Ministry Schedule September 2023

	<b>September 3rd</b> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 10th</b> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 17th</b> Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>September 24th</b> Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
<b>Verger</b>	Dale Harkey		Dale Harkey	Bill Nelson
<b>Lectors/ Chalice Bearer</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>	<b>8:00am</b>
	Priscilla Battley	Gina Bardwell	Priscilla Battley	Teresa Williamson
	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
	John Banahan	Charles Shook Anna Stewart	Bruner Bosio	Mary Mgt Bailey
	Monica Donald	Kathy Khayat	Carol Hutcherson	Kathy Roberts
<b>Acolytes</b>	Gabby Kyzar, Paker Demouey, & Anderson Wills	Fin Battley, Bennett Switzer, Ann Banahan, & Gabby Kyzar	Landon Beasley, Izabella Beasley, Emily Pugh, & Nelson Pugh	Gabby Kyzar, Paker Demouey, & Anderson Wills
<b>Ushers</b>	John Banahan	Terry Harris	David Minkler	Ted Battley
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Catherine Miller Mary Bet Evans	Amanda Johns Marilyn Boman	JoAnne Fontaine Len Murray	Priscilla Battley Anna Stewart
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Taylor Sublett	Stacey Baumhauer	Amy Baker	Kathy Roberts