



## St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, October 6, 2024

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### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

To increase our congregation's size in number and families;

To provide inspirational Eucharistic worship services every Sunday, and Eucharist with healing and anointing service during the mid-week;

To participate in ecumenical Blessing of the Palms and Blessing of the Animals services in our garden. To co-host an ecumenical "Honor our Seniors" day;

To offer some form of adult study class once a week, and to provide Sunday school for the youth of the parish so that our faith journey continues to grow;

To open up our building more during the week to groups, organizations, and individuals for the needs of the community;

To keep growing our focus outward on our neighbors and walking in love with all in need in our community so that we are better able to accomplish our Mission Statement.

### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

To know God, Love God, and serve God; by welcoming all, loving all, and serving all.

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## LISTENING & ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Join Bishop Harmon for a collaborative conversation, a gathering aimed at celebrating and growing the ministry of the Episcopal Church in Arkansas. Attendees will reflect on their experiences, share stories, and express their hopes for the future. We look forward to a meaningful exchange of ideas and a renewed sense of community that will strengthen our life together.

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Helena, St. John's, Host**

Marianna, St. Andrew's

Forrest City, Christ Church

Forrest City, Good Shepherd

West Memphis, Holy Cross

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## WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

**Worship: October 6**, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 am, at St. John's, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

Readings: The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 22

Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

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**ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH INQUIRER'S CLASS** Come reflect on your faith and learn more about life in the Episcopal Church. Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church or you have been here for years and want to learn more, this class is for you! We will take a deeper dive into our Christian faith and how that is expressed as Episcopalians through 7 class sessions.

**All are invited! All classes will be held in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 and will meet from October 6 - November 17.**

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### **PASTORAL NEWS:**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Courtney Turner, Cole Jefferies, Jo Liddy, Sylvia Ross, Susan Taylor, Abigail Grace Fox, Camden Riley, Patricia Gibson, Brad Storey, Brycial Williams, Jean McCollum, Vivian Wright, Vic Juengel, Prudence O. McGehee, Donna Watson, Neville Jones, Dusty Trail, Steve Adams, Mandy Chaney, Natalie Hargraves Bohannan, Royce Brown, Gene Parker, Vic Masters (Julie's brother-in-law), and Bob Green (Martha's dad)

### **OUTREACH NEWS:**

**St John's ECW** is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1-2, **October 8, 2024**, Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations.

**Grace Food Pantry – plastic bags** go in the labeled container in the narthex. **Thank you.**

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### **CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**October 6**—**St. John's Episcopal Church Inquirer's Class** starts this **Sunday at 9:00-10:00 in the undercroft.**

**October 6, Holy Eucharist** at 10:30 am in **St. John's** with **rev. Teresa Cantrell**

**Lay Eucharist Minister & Acolyte:** Ben Pittman

**Ushers:** Tait Owens & Dana Kurts

**Altar Guild:** Andrea Clark & Julie Pittman

**Video – Facebook Live:** Julie Pittman

**Flowers:** The Charlie Tappan Family

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


Temperature checks, hand sanitizer and masks are always available as you enter **if needed.**

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For those that cannot attend in person on Sunday, there will be live streaming on Facebook.

**The link for Sunday service is:**

Facebook Group: **St. John's Episcopal Church-Helena, AR**

CDC COVID-19 guidelines (Vestry approved) Complete list is on table in the back of church   

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