



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, January 19, 2025

SEARCH PRAYER

Gracious God, grant us your grace as we search for our next rector and spiritual leader. Give us openness and curiosity, a willingness to embrace change, and a hope for new possibilities for our congregation and our community of Helena. Give the Search Committee wisdom and discernment as they do their work in your name, and give us all the faith to put ourselves in your hands, knowing that you are doing more for us than we can desire, imagine, or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH CORE VALUES

Celebrating God's love in the beauty of Anglican worship
Growing in our faith through study and spiritual disciplines
Serving the world in Jesus' name with our time, treasure & talent

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

Worship: January 19, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30, at St. John's, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

Readings: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

St. John's Annual Meeting will be held after our church service on Sunday, January 26.

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, Steve Adams, Mandy Chaney, Royce Brown, Gene Parker, Vic Masters, Jill King Lawrence, Jeff Taylor, and Floy C. Hurt

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1–2, **February 11, 2025**, Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January 19: Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am Sunday with Rev. Teresa Cantrell.

LEM & Acolyte: Gina Miles

USHERS: Tap Jennings & Dana Kurts

Altar Guild: Jayne Morris & Melody Rogers

Video: Facebook Live: Paulette Parker

Search Survey for St. John's : If you have not completed your survey and returned it to Allison, there are some on the table in the church. We have extended the time since we could not have church last week. The Bishop has requested this be done to help in our search for a Rector. (You don't even have to answer every question or even sign the form. The information we receive will be greatly appreciated. Thank You!)

The Search Committee will meet Sunday, **January 19, after church.**

The St. John's Pivot Committee will meet on **Wednesday, January 22**, at 2:00 at the church.

St. John's Episcopal Church new fliers are on the table

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**

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

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

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