



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, **January 22, 2023**

LET US PRAY:

O God, who has blessed and sustained this parish through the years; we ask that you continue to lead us, stretch us, and direct us, in our search for a new rector. Raise for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your Sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may continue to grow in the likeness of Christ and be a beacon of love and hope to our community and the world. To the glory of your holy Name. **Amen.**

Temperature checks, hand sanitizer and masks are always available as you enter **if needed**. The church is professionally sanitized each week using an ozone generator.

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

Worship: January 22, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with The Rt. Reverend Larry R. Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas

Readings: Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

St. John's ANNUAL PARISH MEETING with Bishop Benfield on JANUARY 22 and CATERED LUNCH will be served in the undercroft following the service.

NO Adult Sunday School Class on **January 22.**

PASTORAL NEWS:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Debra Frazier Richardson, Courtney Turner, Kathleen Gibson, Cole Jefferies, Jo Liddy, Jim Howe, Cliff Clark, Sylvia Ross, Linda Dowling, Susan Taylor, Abigail Grace Fox, Pam Catlett, Debbie Ewart, Vivian Wright, Chuck Pierotti, Gill Pillow, Jerry Wenzel, Tommy Haycraft, Helen Faulkner, the family of Louis "Tim" Frazier Long, Jr., and the family of Phil Schneider.

OUTREACH NEWS:

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** monthly on the second **Tuesday** from 1 – 2, **February 14th**. Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations. Thank you.

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

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

JAN 17, Vestry will meet on **Tuesday, at 5:30** in the undercroft.

JAN 18, Wednesday Mid-Week Healing Service at 5:30 in the chapel with Rev. Joe Porter

JAN 22, NO Adult Sunday School Class

JAN 22, Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 am at St. John's with **Bishop Larry Benfield**

Lay Eucharist Minister: Allison Biederman

Acolyte: Eli Pillow, Mary Pillow & Katherine Pillow

Ushers: Ben Pittman & Macon Kirkman

Altar Guild: Bennett Sellers & Lindalu Hargraves

Video – Facebook Live: Jill Pillow

Altar Flowers: Keesee Girls

There will be special music this Sunday also.

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



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

The link for Sunday service is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/929943537685987>

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

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