



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, **February 5, 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: February 5, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

Readings: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]; Psalm 112:1-9[10]; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]; Matthew 5:13-20

PASTORAL NEWS:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Debra Frazier Richardson, Courtney Turner, Kathleen Gibson, Cole Jefferies, Jo Liddy, Jim Howe, Sylvia Ross, Linda Dowling, Susan Taylor, Abigail Grace Fox, Pam Catlett, Debbie Ewart, Vivian Wright, Gill Pillow, Jerry Wenzel, Tommy Haycraft, and Helen Faulkner.

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:

See note from Bishop below.

Feb 5, Adult Sunday School Class at 9:15 am in the undercroft

FEB 5, Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 am at St. John's with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

Lay Eucharist Minister & Acolyte: Ben Pittman

Ushers: Brooke Tappan & Tap Jennings

Altar Guild: Andrea Clark & Julie Pittman

Video – Facebook Live: Julie Pittman

Altar Flowers: Angie & Mike Fielder

Feb 15, Wednesday Mid-Week Healing Service at 5:30 in the chapel with Rev. Joe Porter

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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To my friends at St. John's

It was a great delight to visit St. John's this past Sunday. The place looked great, and everything about the day had a good feel. You all are working hard to be a beacon in Helena.

I so appreciate the very generous gift to the Bishop's Fund. We can do such good outreach work with it.

Again, thank you great day.

Faithfully
Larry