



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, **February 26, 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.**

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**Feb 21, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**FEB 22, ASH Wednesday Service** at 5:30 pm with Rev. Teresa Cantrell in the chapel

Lay Eucharist Minister & Acolyte: Melody Rogers

Altar Guild: Betsy Wright & Maureen Jones

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### **DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR:**

March 12...Daylight Saving Time ----Spring forward

April 2....Palm Sunday

April 6....Maundy Thursday service at 5:45 in the church

April 7....Good Friday service at noon in the church

April 9.... Easter Sunday

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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.

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### **WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:**

**Worship: February 26, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell**

**Readings:** First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-9

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### **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, Helen Faulkner, Camden Riley, Gene Parker, and Billy Smith.

### **OUTREACH NEWS:**

**St John's ECW** is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** monthly on the second **Tuesday** from 1 – 2, **March 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**GoFundMe**, <https://gofund.me/baea128d>

This is the fund to help **Liz Pillow Grauer** with her husband's funeral. Liz is Ellen McCarty and Jerry Pillow's daughter. Her husband, Shea Grauer, is the guy that was robbed, shot and killed this past weekend in Memphis. Liz and her daughter Reese have reached out for help. This link has the complete details.

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

**FEB 22, ASH Wednesday Service** at 5:30 pm with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

**Feb 26**, Adult Sunday School Class at 9:15 am in the undercroft

**FEB 26, Holy Eucharist Service** at 10:30 am at St. John's with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

**Lay Eucharist Minister:** Allison Biederman

**Acolyte:** Jack Pillow

**Ushers:** Ben Pittman & Macon Kirkman

**Altar Guild:** Bennett Sellers & Lindalu Hargraves

**Video – Facebook Live:** Jessica Pillow

**Mar 1, Wednesday Mid-Week Healing Service** at 5:30 in the chapel with Rev. Joe Porter

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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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