

## St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, April 6, 2025

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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.

### 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

### 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.

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### WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

**Worship:** April 6, the Holy Eucharist, 10:30, at St. John's, **Rev. Dr. Herman Browne**

**Readings:** Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

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### PASTORAL NEWS:

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Jo Liddy, Sylvia Ross, Abigail Grace Fox, Patricia Gibson, Brad Storey, Jean McCollum, Vivian Wright, Vic Juengel, Prudence O. McGehee, Donna Watson, Neville Jones, Steve Adams, Mandy Chaney, Gene Parker, Jill King Lawrence, Jeff Taylor, Shannon Young, Jackson McLenden and Janet Robason

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### **Announcements from Fr Herman:**

1. Invitation for baptism
    - All interested in the sacrament of baptism or confirmation should please make their desires known to the ushers or clergy.
  
  2. Holy Week (14 - 19 April) – Heads up
    - *Wednesday* - this year, we will conduct a service of the Stations of the Cross, and encourage our lay ministers to consider giving, along with the clergy, brief meditations at each of the 14 stations. Fr Herman will be happy to discuss any concern with you about this spiritual exercise.
  
    - *Good Friday* – this year we encourage members of the congregation to consider offering brief meditations on the seven ‘words’ of Jesus from the cross. Fr Herman will be open to any concerns you may have about what is expected of you, to the glory of God.
  
    - **Media Meeting on 6 April: All who are interested in the Church’s profile via social media should please meet after the service in the Church’s undercroft with Fr Herman.**  
Thank you.
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**St John’s ECW** is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1–2, **April 8, 2025**, Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations.

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

**April 6: HOLY EUCHARIST** at 10:30 am **Sunday** with **Rev. Dr. Herman Browne**

**LEM & ACOLYTE:** Melody Rogers

**USHERS:** Mark Rogers & Ed Pat Wright

**Altar Guild:** Jayne Morris & Melody Rogers

**Video: Facebook Live:**

The Class of 1965 have given a memorial to St. John’s for the glory of God and in loving memory of Bobby Anders, Jim Clopton, Jimmy Knight, and Jerry Pillow.

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**April 9: MIDWEEK SERVICE, Wed. at 5:30 in the chapel with Rev. Joe Porter** followed by **Lenten Soup Supper ---- HOSTS – Jane & West Hornor**


**April 9th: Lenten Listening** at **NOON** in the chapel at **Helena First United Methodist Church**  
Speaker: Paula Oliver                      Music: Theresa Taylor & Cathleen Newman

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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**

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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## *Easter Lilies 2025*

I/We would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies at \$20 each.

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Honor of/ In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please return by April 13