



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, April 23, 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: April 23, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell at 10:30 am.

Readings: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

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, Billy Smith, Gibson Turley, Hank Boudinot, Bennie Madden, and Peyton Biederman.

OUTREACH NEWS:

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1 – 2, **May 9**. 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:

Apr 23, Adult Sunday School Class at 9:15 am in the undercroft

Apr 23, **Holy Eucharist Service** at 10:30 am at St. John's with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

Lay Eucharist Minister & Acolyte: Melody Rogers

Ushers: Mark Rogers & Ed Pat Wright
Altar Guild: Jayne Morris & Melody Rogers
Video – Facebook Live: Paulette Parker

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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Many thanks for your contribution of \$500 to the Bishop's Fund to assist people who suffered damage from the recent tornadoes in Arkansas. It means so much to see the significant support coming from so many sources.

Our approach to relief work has focused on recommendations from members of the clergy in the areas that were affected. They made recommendations on how much money each person might need and how the money should be distributed. Some people are Episcopalians; others are simply people in the community who have lost much. In some cases, we were able to send checks directly to the affected people; in other cases, the gift was handled by the member of the clergy because some people no longer have a current mailing address, while others do not have a checking account. In all cases, we decided that the people needed cash to purchase the items or services they knew that they needed, rather than this office guessing which supplies people might need.

If you marked your donation for a specific area, such as Wynne, we honored that request. All the donations go 100% toward relief work. There is no administrative charge.

Again, I thank you for your generosity. Our help to others in times such as these is one of the times that the church is at its best. With every best wish, I remain

Faithfully yours,



**Larry R. Benfield
Bishop of Arkansas**