



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, August 20, 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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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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Julie Pittman and Allison Biederman will be attending the **Special Diocesan Convention for Bishop Election on Saturday, August 19**. They will be there as **your representatives for St. John's**. They would really like to know your opinion and how you would like them to vote.

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

**Worship:** August 20, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell at 10:30 am.

**Readings:** Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 15

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-28

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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, Gill Pillow, Jerry Wenzel, Helen Faulkner, Camden Riley, Gene Parker, Gibson Turley, Hank Boudinot, Bennie Madden, Patricia Gibson, Brad Storey, Vivian Wright, Joe Ann Hargraves and Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

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### **OUTREACH NEWS:**

**St John's ECW** is sponsoring **Bingo at The Manor on Tuesday** from 1 – 2, **Sept 12**, Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations.

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

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

**AUG 20, Holy Eucharist Service** at 10:30 am at St. John's with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

**Lay Eucharist Minister:** Allison Biederman

**Acolyte:** Katherine Pillow

**Ushers:** Ben Pittman & Macon Kirkman

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

**Video – Facebook Live:** Jill Pillow

**Flowers** – Stephen Barker

**One Wednesday of each month** we will have **Mid-Week Eucharist Healing Service** in the chapel at 5:30 pm with **Rev. Joe Porter**. **(September 6)**

For those that cannot attend in person on Sunday, 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**

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

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