



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, August 27, 2023

### **LET US PRAY:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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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### **WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:**

**Worship:** August 27, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell at 10:30 am.

**Readings:** Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 16

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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### **PASTORAL NEWS:**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:** Courtney Turner, 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, Brycial Williams, and the family of David Wayne Parker.

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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.

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

**AUG 27**, Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 am at St. John's with Rev. Teresa Cantrell

**Lay Eucharist Minister & Acolyte:** Gina Miles

**Ushers:** Jack Hornor & Lorraine Ferryman

**Altar Guild:** Nancy Hornor & Gina Miles

**Video – Facebook Live:** Nancy Hornor

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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:** <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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**John Harmon Elected Bishop of Arkansas**

The Rev. Canon John T. W. Harmon was elected the 14th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas during a special convention on August 19, at Trinity Cathedral in Little Rock. He was elected on the third ballot after attaining a majority of both clergy and lay votes in the same round. The election concludes the process of seeking a successor for Bishop Larry R. Benfield, who began his tenure in 2007 and will retire in January 2024.

"I do accept, with the help and grace of God, and the support of the people of Arkansas," Harmon said via phone to the convention. "May God bless all of us for the ministry to which we have been called."

The Rev. John Harmon has served as rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., since 2000. He received a Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary and a Master of Theology from Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond, Va.) and was awarded an honorary doctorate by his alma mater, St Paul's College (Lawrenceville, Va.), in 2012. Harmon is a co-founder of the Episcopal Service Corps and founder of the Trinity Development Corporation, a D.C.-based organization that seeks to empower the underserved through counseling, education, and improved access to adequate health care. He was ordained in 1991.

Harmon was born in Liberia. He has been married to his wife, Keeva, for 30 years, and they have three children.

Harmon was selected from a slate of two candidates after a yearlong discernment process. After inviting interested applicants to apply, a diocesan search committee reviewed and selected the candidates to put

before the church. The other candidate was the Rev. Mary Vano, rector of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Little Rock, Ark.