



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, September 29, 2024

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.

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

Worship: Sept 29, the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 am, at St. John's in the garden, with **Canon Jason Alexander**

Readings: The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 21

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS with Eucharist, **Sunday, September 29**, at 10:30 in **St. John's garden**. **Canon Jason Alexander** will be our Officiant and **John Palmer** will play our music.

ALL ANIMALS WELCOME AND DRESS CASUAL.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH INQUIRER'S CLASS Come reflect on your faith and learn more about life in the Episcopal Church. Whether you are new to the Episcopal Church or you have been here for years and want to learn more, this class is for you! We will take a deeper dive into our Christian faith and how that is expressed as Episcopalians through 7 class sessions.

All are invited! All classes will be held in the Undercroft on Sunday mornings from 9:00-10:00 and will meet from October 6-November 17.

PASTORAL NEWS:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Courtney Turner, Cole Jefferies, Jo Liddy, Sylvia Ross, Susan Taylor, Abigail Grace Fox, Camden Riley, Patricia Gibson, Brad Storey, Brycial Williams, Jean McCollum, Vivian Wright, Vic Juengel, Prudence O. McGehee, Donna Watson, Neville Jones, Dusty Trail, Steve Adams, Mandy Chaney, Natalie Hargraves Bohannon, Royce Brown, Gene Parker, Vic Masters (Julie's brother-in-law), and Bob Green (Martha's dad)

OUTREACH NEWS:

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1–2, **October 8, 2024**, 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. **Thank you.**

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SEPTEMBER 29, Holy Eucharist Service and Blessing of the Animals at 10:30 am in **St. John's Garden** with **Cannon Jason Alexander**

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Lay Eucharist Minister: Ned Pillow

Acolyte: Eli Pillow

Ushers: Ben Pittman & Lorraine Ferryman

Altar Guild: Gina Miles & Lindalu Hargraves

Video – Facebook Live: Jill Pillow

Flowers: Garden

<https://d.docs.live.net/133b26d90c282665/Documents/NEWSLETTERS%20%5eM/NEWSLETTERS%202024/Fall%20Gathering%202024.pdf>

Temperature checks, hand sanitizer and masks are always available as you enter **if needed.**

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**

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

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