



St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, October 22, 2023

LET US PRAY:

Send us your Spirit as we seek to be your disciples here on earth. Equip us to proclaim the Good News of Jesus, defend us from all evil, and give us the grace to live together in peace and common prayer. In your power, may we become a holy community that transforms the world around us. 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: October 22, Holy Eucharist, Rite II, with Rev. Teresa Cantrell at 10:30 am

Readings: Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 18, Wednesday, Mid-Week Eucharist Service in the chapel at 5:30 pm with Rev. Joe Porter.

PASTORAL NEWS:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Courtney Turner, Cole Jefferies, Jo Liddy, Sylvia Ross, Linda Dowling, Susan Taylor, Abigail Grace Fox, Pam Catlett, Debbie Ewart, Gill Pillow, Jerry Wenzel, Camden Riley, Gene Parker, Hank Boudinot, Bennie Madden, Patricia Gibson, Brad Storey, Vivian Wright, Brycial Williams, Jean McCollum, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Vic Juengel, and Owen Riddell.

OUTREACH NEWS:

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1 – 2, **November 14**, 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:

October 17, Vestry will meet in the undercroft at 5:30

October 18, Mid-Week Eucharist Service in the chapel at 5:30 pm with **Rev. Joe Porter**.

October 22, Holy Eucharist Service at 10:30 am at St. John's with **Rev. Teresa Cantrell**.

Lay Eucharist Minister: Allison Biederman

Acolyte: Mary Pillow

Ushers: Tait Owens & Dana Kurts

Altar Guild: Betsy Wright & Maureen Jones

Video – Facebook Live: Jill Pillow

Flowers: Tait Owens

November 1, (All Saints' Day) we will have **Mid-Week Eucharist Healing Service** in the chapel at 5:30 pm with **Rev. Joe Porter**.

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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A Note from Bishop Benfield

Prayers for the Holy Land

We have been receiving requests for our prayers in the face of the state of war that now exists in the Holy land. I ask that you pray for an end to the senseless and inhumane violence that the world has witnessed this week, and I share with you a prayer from the Archbishop of Jerusalem, Hosam Naoum.

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths — Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.