St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, April 29, 2026

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: April 26, the Holy Eucharist at **10:30 am**, at St. John's, with Bishop Harmon

Readings: Sunday: Easter IV

Acts 2:42-14; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John10:1-10

PASTORAL NEWS:

Please keep the following in your prayers: Jo Liddy, Sylvia Ross, Abigail Grace Fox, Patricia Gibson, Brad Storey, **Jean McCollum**, **Vivian Wright, Vic Juengel**, Donna Watson, **Neville Jones**, Steve Adams, **Gene Parker**, Jill King Lawrence, Jeff Taylor, Shannon Young, Jackson McLenden, Janet Robason, Sandra Bagley, William Capel, Pat Corder, **Bob Lee,** Peggy Webster, and Georgia King Hall.
(Please let the office know if updates are needed. Thank you)

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1–2, **May 12,** 2026, Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations.

Vestry Voted: St. John's Collection plate on the first Sunday of each month will be allocated to the Priest Discretionary Fund. (If paying your pledge, please note on check or envelope)

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Midweek Service each **Wednesday,** Healing Service, 5:30 in the chapel **April 22,** with Rev. Hayden Crawford

HOLY EUCHARIST, Sunday, **APRIL 26**, 10:30 am, at St. John's, with **Bishop John Harmon**

Potluck luncheon after the service in the SJEC undercroft**. All are invited.**

Lay Eucharist Minister: Allison Biederman

Acolyte: Ben Pittman

Ushers: Ed Pat Wright

Altar Guild: Bennett Sellers & Lindalu Hargraves

Video: Facebook Live: Paulette Parker

Flowers: Lindalu & Allen Hargraves

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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:**

Facebook Group: **St. John's Episcopal Church-Helena, AR**

Temperature checks, hand sanitizer and masks are always available as you enter **if needed**.
CDC COVID-19 guidelines (Vestry approved) Complete list is on table in the back of church

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Seven Steps to Forgiveness

Quick pointers from author R.T. Kendall.

Seven Steps to Forgiveness

1. Do not let anyone know what someone said about, or did to you.
2. Do not allow anyone to be afraid of you or intimidated by you.
3. Allow them to forgive themselves and not feel guilty.
4. Let them save face.
5. Protect them from their darkest secret and greatest fear.
6. It is a lifelong commitment.
7. Pray for them to be blessed.

What Forgiveness is Not

* Approval of what they did.
* Excusing what they did.
* Justifying what they did.
* Pardoning what they did.
* Reconciliation.
* Denying what they did.