St. John's Episcopal Church - Newsletter Sunday, December 7, 2025

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

SEARCH PRAYER

O Gracious God, shed your grace on the Search Committee, the Vestry, and the Congregation of St. John's as we continue the Search process. Remind us that in your economy, it isn't time that matters, but rather the living into our purpose. Assure us that we are journeying forward in faith and that you are ever present with us to lead us to a future we may not even yet envision. Hold us close in your love and keep us strong in our trust of you. We ask this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

WORSHIP AND EDUCATION NEWS:

Worship: December 7, the Holy Eucharist at 10:30 am, at St. John's, with Rev. Hayden Crawford

Readings: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7. 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3: 1-12

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, Lyn Toney, Sandra Bagley, **Cassie Brothers**, William Capel, and Barbara Sue Riddell.

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) Please be generous so we can build up this fund.

St John's ECW is sponsoring **Bingo** at **The Manor** on **Tuesday** from 1–2, **December 9,** 2025, Contributions are welcome for the prizes. There is a small box at the back of the church for these prize donations.

CHURCH OFFICE NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

December 10, Midweek Service each Wednesday, Healing Service, 5:30 in the chapel.

December 7, the **Holy Eucharist**, 10:30, at St. John's, with Rev. Hayden Crawford

Lay Eucharist Minister & Acolyte: Melody Rogers

Ushers: Lorraine Ferryman & Tait Owens

Altar Guild: Andrea Clark & Julie Pittman

Video: Facebook Live: Julie Pittman

Flowers: Jack Hornor, Tap Jennings & West Hornor

SHARING FENCE – Sunday mornings

Collections for the **St. John's Sharing Fence:**

Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Blankets etc. for the winter weather.

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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POINSETTIA DONATIONS

Please return this form along with payment, no later than **Dec. 21, 2025**,
to be acknowledged in the program.

Name: _____

1.) I/We wish to order _____ Poinsettias at $20.00 each.

2.) I/We wish to order _____ wreaths at $24.00 each.

Given in Memory of:

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Given in Honor/Thanksgiving of:

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Given for **MUSIC i**n Honor/Thanksgiving of:

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