

Deadline to submit articles for "The Epistle" is the 15th of each month.

Daylight Saving Time, Nov. 4 — Fall back one hour

All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 4 — With Baptism, incense
will be used at the 10:30 a.m. service

Bishop's Visit — Wednesday Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. — A reception
will follow the service in Parish Hall

Thanksgiving Holiday — Parish Office closed noon
Wednesday, Nov. 21 and reopen Monday, Nov. 26

From the Vestry:

- The vestry took unanimous action to reflect St. Paul's commitment to Outreach and Mission by pledging to increase the Local Outreach and Mission budget line item by 10 percent in the 2019 budget.

- Snapshot of finances January to September 2018:

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| Pledged | \$448,660.00 |
| Received | \$250,713.70 |
| Remaining | \$197,952.30 |
| Plate offering | \$31,922.12 |

- Payments on the organ will be a new line item in the 2019 budget, as we activate our loan.

- Brandon Dunn is the point person for the 2019 Diocesan Annual Council to be held in Hattiesburg January 25-27, 2019. Please contact him regarding hotel reservations. His email is brandonreeddunn@gmail.com. If you prefer, you can also make hotel reservations on your own.

God is good and our parish always responds to His grace and favor with generosity.

—Lynne Taleff, Sr. Warden



Vote Faithfully!

I listen.

I pray.

I vote faithfully on...

Election Day: November 6, 2018

"We are blessed as a nation to vote. As citizens of this country this is a right, an obligation and a duty. Go vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor, to participate in the process of seeking the common good, to participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as follower of Jesus."

—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

All Ministries flow from Baptism

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

—From The Letter the Romans Chapter 6 verses 3 and 4

Entering our worship space lately it would be difficult to miss some movement of the furniture. It's inescapable even. We have moved the font, a change; both outward and visible. It is a stunningly beautiful font where many of the people of St. Paul's began their journey of faith. I also assure you this action was taken in a thoughtful, prayerful way with theological reasoning, not for aesthetics.

First, baptism is the beginning of everything. Our prayer book describes baptism as the "full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ Body, the Church" and "the bond, which establishes in Baptism, is indissoluble." (BCP 298)

For so many generations of the church, the placement of the font was based on previous prayer books. There was a time where baptisms were private affairs; reserved only for families. The baptismal rite was a separate liturgy and not woven into a part of the Eucharist.

But the baptismal rite in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer changed all of that. The emphasis of baptism, as Professor of Divinity at Sewanee Reverend James F. Turrell says, "is less on washing from sin and into more about the entry into discipleship, and an assertion that baptism is full initiation."

Everything begins at baptism. This is our rite of passage; the beginning of our journey of faith. Eucharist begins at baptism. Every time we participate in the eucharist, we renew our baptism. We baptize marriage. We baptize ordination. And yes, baptism does get in the way of our own death... thanks be to God.

In this way, baptism is anything but private.

When we promise to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers," or "seek to serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves," or "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being," how can we make such radical promises in solitude? Baptism, a life of discipleship, cannot be lived out in isolation and it certainly cannot be done within the walls of a building.

And so, our font is now centrally located. It is restored near the entrance with enough space for us to gather and witness. Our font gets in the way because well, baptism gets in the way. It gets in the way of everything we do and everything we are as a people of God. We are the church, the continuing mission of Christ's grace-giving presence in the world. As St. Augustine says in Baptism "we say yes to who we are and what we become."

Faithfully,





Looking for YOUR Talents

We are fast approaching Stewardship Sunday. The Stewardship committee members are calling on parishioners with time, talent and stewardship cards. The purpose is to inform parishioners of how we give and how we spend our time, talents and treasures. In addition, we have had five home gatherings. These have provided a wonderful means of discussing our church activities as well. All of these events are intended to help us grow in our faith and Christian journey. If you have made your prayerful pledge decision you may mail them in now, or put them in the offering plate or turn them in on Stewardship Sunday November the 11. Thank you to everyone on the stewardship committee for their efforts to reach all our parishioners and special thanks to our home gathering hosts.

Rowan Montgomery Gray, born October 8 in Jackson, weighing 10 lbs. & 8 oz.

Parents are Catherine & Lloyd Gray, brother Guider; & grandparents are Lloyd & Sally Gray.



Georgia Leigh Barry, born Oct 24 in Meridian, weighing 7 lbs. & 8 oz.

Proud parents are Merritt & Summer Barry; grandparents are Rick & Cheri Barry.



A huge Thank You to our “Tree Cutters,” Wayne Wuestefeld, Rick Entrekin, David Hamilton and Melven Warren. We were sad to see our pecan tree go but due to age and weather this tree had become a hazard to pedestrians and cars.

Wednesday Eucharist with Healing

Beginning on December 5, St. Paul’s will offer a weekly Eucharist with Healing every Wednesday at noon in the Chapel of Our Lady and All Saints. This is an opportunity to come midweek for anointing both for ourselves or on behalf of those we love. More than physical healing, this service reminds us that God’s will for us is health and salvation. God’s healing for us, then, may not always be how we imagine. Prayers, anointing and laying-on-of-hands are offered for all who desire it and will be followed by the Eucharist. The whole service lasts about 30-40 minutes.

Invitation

Mary Wright Irby & Family
along with
Leticia Gibbs & Family
would like to invite you
to
The Ming Wedding
Saturday, November 24, 2018
four in the afternoon at the
Hamasa Shriners Building
5516 Dale Drive
Marion, MS 39342

We Remember in our Prayers

For our Parish family: Annie Melton, Dave Russell, Dixie Pigford, DJ Wells, Edgar Morrison, Hardy Graham Sr., Jean Merrell-White, Joe White, Lee Graham, Mary Dunn and Family, Mary Scott, Norma Veach, Peggy Carrico, Phyllis Nuckolls, Robbie Morrison, Terry Rush and William Godwin.

In our senior living communities: Deannie Carmichael, Elise Leach, Janet Sinyard, Joyce Welsh, Linda James, Lora Jones and Nita Neville.

Extended family and friends: Agnes Lewis, Alice Miller, Ally Gressett, Alixus Hearn, Amanda Lockey, Anna Meyers, Ann Herlot, AnnLee, Barbara Johnston, Barbaree Heaster, Baston Geiger, Bill Selman, Barbara Hull, Billy Hull, Brenda Hiatt, Bridget Mann, Cathy Parker, Cheryl Drennan, Claudia McKibben, Cory Gaylord, Dot Harrington, Edesser "Dess" Reid Ward, Rob & Aislinn Ward, Evelyn, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, Freddie Bea Watson, Helen Valentine, Hulon Dearman, Jada Dooley, John, Ken Fisher, Kylie Temple, Lane Wilkinson, Leigh Ann Key, Leslie Smith, Lou Dubose, Marilyn Mohr, Mary Hallwell, Mary Irby, Michael Dial, Michelle Nelson, Nell Williams, Patricia Bonner, Philip Walk, Pud Merrell, Robert Kirkland, Ronald Keith Franks, Sally Gercens, Hannah Thompson, Seth Thompson, Stephanie Turner, The Rev. Walton Jones, Tom Cook, Tom Schram and Wilfe Manning.

For those who have died especially Mary McClellan Hefter; Debbie Abraham Pipes, daughter of Dr. Woodie Abraham; and Jamie Williams.

For those serving in the Armed Forces, for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Shum Benson, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Andrew Behm, Nick Mullen, Brandon States and The 155th Combat Engineers.

We pray for our Bishop Brian and we pray for our Rector Austin and his family.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| Nov. 2 | Barbara Boone, Don Pringle, Dustin & Katie Simmons,Wayne Wuestefeld | Nov. 18 | Ava Hughley, Lisa Love |
| Nov. 3 | Robbie Morrison | Nov. 19 | Jamie Begnaud, Rick Entrekin |
| Nov. 4 | Wanda Blount, Shaone Kennedy, Michelle Lewis | Nov. 20 | David & BJ Ray |
| Nov. 5 | Sylvia Dreyfus | Nov. 21 | Tommie Collis, Bob & Karen Rea, Shelby Slade |
| Nov. 6 | BJ Ray | Nov. 22 | Wayne & Beth Wuestefeld |
| Nov. 7 | Poo Chancellor, Mary Lawrence Crowe, Marilyn Greene | Nov. 24 | Bobby Maddox, Dixie Pigford |
| Nov. 9 | Anne Hardin Hiatt | Nov. 27 | Claire Hasselle, John & Lisa Howell, Caroline McGinnis, Linda Moffett |
| Nov. 11 | Larry Love, Nita Neville | Nov. 28 | Paislee Sims |
| Nov. 12 | Lisa Kittrell, Joe White | Nov. 29 | Bob & Susan Coffin |
| Nov. 13 | Sally Gray, Mary Weems | Nov. 30 | Shelton Cunningham, Bob & Lindy Deen, Jamie Tucker |
| Nov. 17 | Rob & Melissa Calcote, John Rea | | |

| Services | NOV. 4 | NOV. 11 | NOV. 18 | NOV. 25 |
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| VESTRY COUNTERS | Page Sikes & Larry Nowak; Lock/Wayne Wuestefeld | | | |
| 8 A.M. | ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY | | | |
| | INGATHERING/STEWARDSHIP | | | |
| CHALICE | Bob Coffin | 9:30 SERVICE ONLY | Gloria Chancellor | John Carrier |
| READER | Margaret Van Dyke | | Lynne Taleff | Ingrid Price |
| USHER | John Carrier | | Linda Carrier | Bob Covert |
| 10:30 A.M. | 9:30 SERVICE ONLY | | | |
| READER 1 | Wayne Wuestefeld | Rick Barry | Rob Calcote | Rick Entrekin |
| READER 2 | Kay Reich | Beth Wuestefeld | Jo Benson | Catherine Little |
| PRAYERS | Stacey Harwell | Helen Abraham | Candy Ward | Helen Abraham |
| USHERS | Ann Compton | Susan Nowak | Edie Simmons | Scotty Florey |
| | John Compton | Larry Nowak | Chris Burchfield | Albree Florey |
| | Jim McGinnis | Jim Miller | Michael Kerekes | Sonya Carrier |
| | Cindy McGinnis | Marsha Miller | Steve Slade | John Carrier |
| ACOLYTES | Arlyn Grace Sanders | Anna Katherine Carrier | Cate Simmons | AJ Page |
| | Shep Sanders • Autumn Shirland | Elizabeth Scott Bond | Hardin Hiatt | Tucker Dunn |
| | William Godwin | Katie Hasselle | Lucy Simmons | Arlyn Grace Sanders |
| | Cameron Burchfield | Wyatt Bond | Henry Hiatt | Christopher Collis |
| ALTAR GUILD | Joanne Entrekin | Joanne Entrekin | Candy Ward | Candy Ward |
| | Beth Wuestefeld | Beth Wuestefeld | BJ Ray | BJ Ray |
| | Stacey Harwell | Stacey Harwell | Cheri Barry | Cheri Barry |
| | Gary Jones | William Godwin | Kay Reich | Helen Abraham |

St. Francis Would Have Been Proud!



Blessing of the Pets was Wonderful!

On Sunday, October 14, St. Paul's held a beautiful Blessing of the Pets service in the St. Paul's Memorial Garden. There were many animals in attendance: dogs, a cat, a snake and even a miniature horse! Parishioners had the chance to say aloud the names of the pets lost over the last year and celebrate their time here on earth. If you missed it this year, make plans to attend next year — it was such a special service. Each year, funds and donations are collected to give to East Mississippi Animal Rescue, the area's privately run no-kill shelter. Great job to everyone for bringing donations!



Children's Sunday School Going Strong!

St. Paul's youngest parishioners have been having a great time on Sunday mornings learning about the Bible, Episcopal traditions and just having fun with their church family. If you see Ann Compton, Caroline Compton, Beth Wuestefeld, Michelle Begnaud or Tiffany McGehee around, be sure to hug their necks and tell them thank you! They have all been working so hard putting together lessons and activities to keep our kids engaged and excited. A few words from our teachers:

"Caroline and I are loving your children and their willingness to participate in whatever we bring to the table in order learn about the Bible and God's love for us."
—Ann Compton

"I am enjoying getting to know the children in our class. I am currently on a trip to Washington, DC. As I realized that the reason I know the rich stories from the Bible is that I learned them in Sunday school as a child. Michelle and I look forward to sharing these stories with your children." —Beth Wuestefeld

EYC in November

11/4: EYC @ St. Paul's from 5 – 7 p.m. Come have some fun with us!

11/7: Confirmation service at 6 p.m., followed by dinner

11/11: prEYC from 4 – 5 p.m. and EYC from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Mediator.

11/14: EYC Gospel study after parish supper from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

11/18: No EYC. Happy Thanksgiving!

11/25: EYC @ St. Paul's from 5 – 7 p.m.

11/28: EYC Gospel study after parish supper from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

EYC in December

12/2: EYC @ St. Paul's from 5 – 7 p.m. Come have some fun with us!

12/5: EYC Gospel study after parish supper from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

12/9: Jr. and Sr. EYC shopping for Care Lodge from 4 – 7 p.m. Meet at the Mediator to ride the bus together.

12/12: EYC Gospel study after parish supper from 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

12/16: Jr. and Sr. EYC Christmas Caroling from 5 – 8 p.m. Meet at the Mediator to ride the bus together. Don't forget to wear your most exciting holiday gear for the occasion! (i.e. tacky Christmas sweaters, antlers, silly hats, etc.). This is also the night of our EYC Christmas party. Everyone should bring a snack to share and a wrapped "naughty or nice" gift worth \$10 or less. Stay tuned for more details!

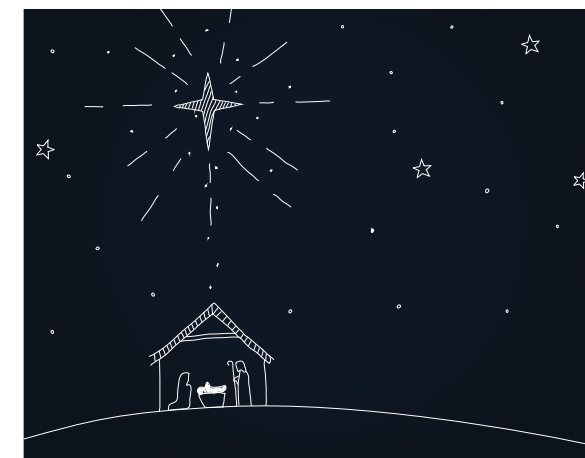


Don't miss the next concert!

Thursday, November 15, 2018

12:05 p.m.

Featuring Impromptu Quartet



Christmas Eve

Monday, Dec. 24, 2018

4:30 p.m. • Family friendly service
Christmas Pageant
with Holy Eucharist

10:30 p.m. • Midnight Mass
Festive Choral Eucharist
with Brass Ensemble

Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2018
No Service