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

June 28 • 5: 15 p.m. • Vestry Meeting

Summer office hours begin June 1 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. • Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - noon • Friday



Thank you, Deacon Elizabeth

We give thanks for her ministry and many talents serving as our Deacon and are looking forward to her Ordination to the Priesthood Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Jackson. Everyone is invited or you can livestream on Facebook.

> The Right Reverend Brian R. Seage Tenth Bishop of Mississippi will ordain

Elizabeth Folk Graham Rebecca Gail Walton

to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church Saturday, the eighteenth of June two thousand and twenty-two at half past ten o'clock in the morning in a service webcast from the Cathedral Church of St. Andrew Jackson, Mississippi

Your prayers and virtual presence are requested.

Mediator/St. Paul's

Cign up now for Vacation Bible School With its "Earthkeepers" theme. This year's offering will be held at The Church of the Mediator from June 27 to June 30, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day. Kids ages 3 years old to 4th grade are welcome. You can register online at:

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Thus says God, the Lord... I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness...

See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, *I tell you of them.* Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! (from Isaiah 42)

Collowing the Prophet Isaiah, "New things I now Γ declare: before they spring forth, I tell you of them."

As we prepare for summertime at St. Paul's (or after Pentecost, Ordinary time), there is much to tell. Each summer many of our ministries — including our choir, children's chapel and Sunday formation — will

take a much-needed rest. We pray for a good use of leisure and for those who will travel.

This summer will also be unique at St. Paul's as we anticipate the removal of the carpet in the main part of the church. It will begin after Pentecost and will be done in two phases. The carpet in the sanctuary will be removed first from the steps to the floor behind the altar. After that is finished, the remaining carpet will be removed in the nave and the narthex (the transitional room just inside the front red doors).

Meanwhile, we will transform All-Saint's Hall into our worship space during this time. We will continue to offer coffee hour in the parish hall.

Finally, the pews will be stored in the Narcotics Anonymous (NA) room while the carpet is removed. The NA room is downstairs across from the choir room. The NA group will meet in the room below the parish office across from the nursery during this time, but their meetings will not overlap while our nursery is open. The kneelers will be repaired during this time also.

Thank you for your grace as all of this work is in progress. We are all very excited to see what shall be revealed.

Mission and Music Festival Huge Success!

The weather was perfect and what a wonderful time we had as ■ we came together at the 2022 Mission and Music Festival to raise outreach funds to benefit Care Lodge and L.O.V.E.'s kitchen. After expenses, we made a little more than \$9,600, which is awesome!

Thanks to all who bought fish plate and raffle tickets, prepared food for the frozen and bake sale, and showed up to help the day of the event to help cook, serve and do anything else needed. A special thank you to those who came to set up and take down we couldn't have done it without your help. It was such an amazing day with so much participation by our congregation.

I want to especially thank those who chaired various activities:

- Wayne Wuestefeld and Gary Jones fish and hushpuppies,
- Rose Hudson sides
- Scott McQuaig music
- Melissa Love and Sara Mason freezer and bake sale,
- Gloria Chancellor and Edie Simmons trip raffle tickets
- Missy Bailey and Ann Compton fish plate tickets
- Mallory Davis children's activities
- Lynne Taleff quilt raffle tickets
- Michelle Lewis kid's plates
- Judge Little tents

Congratulations to Leslie Hiatt who was the winner of the trip to Chateau Elan in Georgia. A special thank you to Margaret Van Dyke who donated the beautiful handmade quilt that was won by Laura Holladay.

Not only was the festival a success to raise funds but also it was enjoyed by all who participated

Looking forward to next year! In Christ, Bobbie Rea

At right, Ann Compton (left) and Barbara Boone staff the ticket booth. Directly below, Marcia Via seems to be getting a kick out of face painting by Lucy Simmons. And below, right, these young ladies helped out A LOT! From left: Sellers Breaux, Ann Revere Davis, Lucy Simmons, Lenox







Kids enjoyed a successful spring nature scavenger hunt on a recent Sunday morning. From left, Sarah Katherine Simmons, Maurie Simmons, Payton Hanschke, Scott Ray and Dawson Hanschke. We are happy to report they found lots of items!



We rejoice in the birth of Rivers Margaret Kelly born May 25 to proud parents Chris & Tiffany Kelly and grandparents David & Jo Benson.

Formation Hour

C tarting June 5 and throughout the summer, join together at 9:20 to 10:15 a.m. for Oour formation hour of fellowship in the Parish Hall. See you there!

Time to Clean Up!

alling all EYC Members! We're giving the upstairs ✓EYC room a face lift and need your help. Join us June 14 at 11:30 a.m. for a major cleanout and organizing session. The new carpet looks great and the room will look even better with a little TLC from all of us. See you there!

We Remember in our Prayers

For our Parish family: Don Pringle, DJ Wells, Ducky McCormick, Edgar Morrison, Elaine Sanders, Holly Morgan, Jerry Greene, Jim Cady, Jo Van Devender, Margaret Van Dyke, Mary Dunn, Peggy Carrico, Tadley, Wanda Blount, Woodie Abraham and Virginia Brimble.

In our senior living Communities: Joyce Welsh, Lora Jone and Nita Neville.

Extended family and friends: Amanda Rainey, Andi Kushner, Bill Selman, Billy Murphy, Brooke, Brooks Moore, Chuck Fishburn, Clancy, Cory Gaylord, Davey Simmons, David, Diane Dunn, Donna Polizzi, Edesser "Dess" Reid Ward, Rob & Aislinn Ward, Frances, Francois DuPlessis, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, Freddie Bea Watson, George Farr, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jane Wacaster, Jeana Bennett, Jim Thompson, Jo Nell Brown, John, Josh, Katie, Ken Fisher, Kylie Temple, Leland Tew, Lisa Primeaux, Lou Dubose, Mac Thigpen, Martha Mazingo, Michael Dial, Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Mike Thomas, Norman, Pat Carver, Patsy Harris, Randy Moore, Rick, Roger, Sandy Carrier, Steve Waddle, Taylor & Trey, The Rev. David Elliott, The Rev. Greg Proctor, Tom Schram, Tony Sansone, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott, Willie Spencer, Wilma Kangery, Wyatt Moore and parents, Zack Martin and Bill Wright.

We pray for those who have died especially: Emily Chancellor; Teresa Wright, sister-in-law of Lee Loeb; and Regina McIntosh, mother of Ann Elise Ray.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Andrew Behm, Shum Benson, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Nick Mullen and Zack Thomas.

We pray for our Bishop Brian and for our Rector Austin.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

| June 2Delena Avara, Katie Hasselle | June 14John & Linda Carrier, Caroline Compton |
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| June 3Gary & Barbara Boone | June 16Woodie & Helen Abraham |
| June 5Scotty & Albree Florey, Robert & Lee Loeb | June 18Dana Lawyer, Page Sikes |
| June 8Robert & Missy Bailey, | June 19David Fitzgerald |
| Jim & Cindy McGinnis | June 21Chad & Dixie Tibbetts |
| June 10Mary Lawrence Crowe, Mary Dunn | June 22Larry Nowak |
| June 11Tom & Joy Greer, Karen Rea, | June 23Elaine Sanders |
| Cooper Tibbetts | June 24Greer Holladay, Jean Merrell |
| June 12Anthony & Leslie Hiatt | June 27Peggy Carrico, Olivia Lewis |
| June 13Lisa Howell | June 29Chuck & Bobbie Rea |

| Services | JUNE 5 | JUNE 12 | JUNE 19 | JUNE 26 | |
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| VESTRY COUNTERS | Lloyd Gray & Lynn Waddle; Lock - Rob Calcote | | | | |
| 8 A.M. | | | | | |
| CHALICE | John Carrier | Bob Covert | Malcom Gee | John Carrier | |
| READER | John Carrier | Polly Covert | Malcom Gee | John Carrier | |
| USHER | John Carrier | Bob Covert | Malcom Gee | John Carrier | |
| 10:30 A.M. | | | | | |
| READER 1 | Rick Entrekin | Gary Jones | Lynn Waddle | Jerome Kittrell | |
| READER 2 | Katie Simmons | Sally Gray | Wayne Wuestefeld | Bev Pringle | |
| PRAYERS | Stacey Harwell | Helen Abraham | Joan Moore | Bobbie Rea | |
| USHERS | Lisa Howell | Chris Burchfield | Marsha Miller | Susan Nowak | |
| | Gary Jones | Perrin Burchfield | Jim Miller | Larry Nowak | |
| ACOLYTES | Ann Revere Davis | Annie Martin | Maurice LaBiche | Oliva Lewis | |
| | Simmons Davis | | | | |
| Brit | ton Dunn • Landon Sn | nith | | | |
| ALTAR GUILD | Connie Arline | Connie Arline | Candy Ward | Candy Ward | |
| | Melissa Calcote | Melissa Calcote | Stacey Harwell | Stacey Harwell | |
| | Linda Carrier | Linda Carrier | Linda Carrier | Linda Carrier | |
| CHALICE | Rick Entrekin | Gloria Chancellor | Gary Jones | Lynn Waddle | |

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