



*"Have you not known, have you not heard  
those who wait for the Lord shall mount  
up with wings like eagles."*

*Isaiah 40:28,31*

## St. John's Episcopal Church

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**Vestry of St. John's:**  
Jim Marshall III, Sr. Warden  
Bill Eskridge, Jr. Warden

### Class of 2019

Ashley Hamlett  
Betty Mathews  
Dee Moody  
Chuck Moore  
Dudley Perry  
Geoff Stough

### Class of 2020

Dick Arrington  
Georgia Holmes  
Austin Huffaker  
Alice Longshore  
Jean Smyth  
Bob Young

### Class of 2021

Virginia Banister  
Richard Bradford  
Kathryn Dailey  
Mike Jenkins  
Jimmy McLemore  
Stephanie Norrell  
Todd Westhauser

**Treasurer**  
Helen Wells

**Clerk of the Vestry**  
Anne Tippet

## NOMINEES FOR VESTRY

### Annual Meeting - January 27, 11:15 am

Each year at this time I receive a delightful surprise and am able to pass exciting news on to the parish at large. This is the season in which the Nominating Committee brings forward a slate of nominees for election to the Vestry by the parish. Numerous suggestions are made to the committee and they do the hard work of narrowing those suggestions to the final slate. The list is submitted to the Vestry for their approval to ensure that the nominees are qualified by having been Confirmed in the Episcopal Church and that they support the parish with a pledge. Each nominee must also be invited to accept the nomination.

Being Rector of a parish is a little odd in terms of church membership. While I preside at Vestry meetings and charge the Nominating Committee with the responsibility of selecting the slate, I do not meet with the committee nor am I permitted to vote on the slate at the Annual Meeting. My responsibility is simply to serve with those elected by the congregation.

Over the years, I've discovered what a great blessing this system is. I am the beneficiary of the decisions made by the Nominating Committee and the Parish. I get to serve with the people that you select and there is a real gift in that for me personally. It all helps to remind me that God has a guiding hand in our nomination and election process. Those brought forward and elected serve us so well.

Again this year, I am delighted with the slate of nominees and grateful to each person on that slate for their willingness to serve if elected. Each is well qualified and has very much to offer. Those put forward for your consideration are (listed alphabetically):

Betty Beale  
Tracey Campbell  
John Carter  
Rosa Davis  
Will Gunter  
Brice Johnston  
Katie Keller  
Keith Miller  
Scott Mitchell  
Mary Nelms Parsons  
Nick Prillaman  
Radney Ramsey  
Emily Wise

I am also excited to announce that the Vestry has elected Bill Eskridge to serve as Senior Warden and Jimmy McLemore to serve as Junior Warden for 2019. They will lead us well.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 27, 2019, at 11:15 am. Prior to that time you will receive a brochure with photographs and a biographical sketch of each nominee to help inform your choice. Meanwhile, please keep each of these nominees in your prayers. May those we elect be equipped with God's grace so that our parish might deepen our vision and mission.

Yours faithfully,  
**Robert C. Wisniewski, Jr.**

**THE LESSONS:**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Canticle 16  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

**THE COLLECT:**

Merciful God, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Flowers on the Altar this Sunday are to the glory of God and in memory of:**

Florence Marks Pratt  
Merrill Edward Pratt  
Sarah Tatum Smith  
Edith Smith Pratt  
James Duke Paterson  
William Benneville Rhodes Rayford  
Daniel Pratt

**MINISTERS SERVING THIS SUNDAY**

**ORGANIST AND CHOIRMASTER:**

Joel Gregory  
**ACOLYTES:** W. Hamlett, M. Stevenson, M. L. Kelso, A. Perry, E. Jernigan, W. McCollum, T. Clements, W. Wells

**LAY EUCHARIST MINISTERS:** C. Moore, K. Dailey, M. Hughes, C. Walker

**VESTRY: 7:30** D. Arrington  
**10:30** B. Eskridge, C. Moore, G. Holmes, B. Young

**ALTAR GUILD:** N. Benner, C. Moore, J. Eskridge

**PASTORAL CARE:** B. Cannon, K. Marks, M. Shaw, L. White, L. Fitzpatrick

**FLOWER DELIVERY:** S. & S. Marks, A. King, N. Buzard  
**Flowers by the St. John's Flower Guild**



## Blue Christmas

A Liturgy for Those Hurting during Christmas  
Wednesday, December 12, 2017  
5:30 pm

### Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 23  
9:30 am (No Sunday School)

### Christmas Eve Services

Monday, December 24  
5pm Holy Eucharist with Children's Sermon  
10:30pm Festival Music of Christmastide  
11pm Festival Eucharist

### Christmas Day Service

Tuesday, December 25  
10am Holy Eucharist of the Nativity of our Lord

### The First Sunday after Christmas

Lessons & Carols at 10:30 AM

## FEAST OF LIGHTS

JANUARY 6, 2019

5:45 Supper

6:30 Feast of Lights



### JOY AND CONCERN

**Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners:** Kathleen Bradford, Sarah Stone, Sarah Spratling, Charles Brannon, Florence Jordan, Christopher Marshall, Sunshine Huff, Karen Jarrell, Francis Beaulieu, Jim Thomas, Carol Pierce, George West, Eddie McDowell, Dottis Robinson, Joe McGough, Cynthia Hill.

**Prayers are also requested for these friends:** Randy Rushton, Phil Dotts, Paul Hackett, Andrew Warnberg, Doris Thornton, Tommy Oliver, Ruth Jones, Karen & Angelo Pacheco, Acra Hackney Samuels, Margaret (Marty) Hackney, Ed Sellers, Tom Broadhurst, Ricky Hatfield, Willie Fred Gamble, Monica Powell, Chase Pickett, Al Perkins, Debbie Steindorff, Betty Harper, Jennifer Pruitt, Pam Litel, Aaron Hines, Catherine Riddell, Hugh Lee Earnest, Daphne Oliver, Dawn Damato, Ernie Reddick, Dottie Campbell, Scott Bradford, Mary Steindorff, Jack Mitchell, Margaret Carlson, Paula Hamm Roberts, Kim Barnhart, Lavada Spears Person, Charles Colvin, Cookie Zibilich, Charlie Smith, Clemmon Barlow, Chuck Holley, Sandy Lynn Stevens, Masha Kloberg, Andy Silverman.

*Please notify us when you are sick or hospitalized so that we might provide pastoral care.*

**Angel Tree 2018***Angels to be adopted can be picked up in the Parish Hall**Questions To sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org**Remember to bring gifts to St. John's  
by December 16th!***Sts. Mary and Martha Guild Christmas Party****December 13 7:00 p.m.**

331 Winthrop Court

Please bring a \$15 gift for Dirty Santa

Look for an email for a Sign-Up Genius link

**Questions:** Ashley Hamlett, (334) 467-2560**EYC SR. & JR. ANGEL TREE SHOP****Sunday, December 9**

Immediately following the 10:30 service

Lunch at CiCi's Pizza and Shopping @ Walmart

**DECEMBER HEAVENLY HOSTS****Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 pm**

Hosted by Nancy &amp; Bob Bradford

1735 Hillwood Drive

**Beverages provided**, please bring a dish to share.**YEAR-END GIVING**

The Church Finance office is here to serve you as we approach the end of the year. All gifts must be postmarked by Monday, December 31 in order to go toward your 2018 giving record. If you are gifting stock, please contact Libby Poole at 262-1937 or [libby@stjohnsmontgomery.org](mailto:libby@stjohnsmontgomery.org) in the finance office to help her be aware of those gifts and the designation of those gifts. If you would like more information, please contact Libby. Thank you.

**SPECIAL EVENTS AROUND THE CORNER****Blue Christmas**—December 12 @ 5:30 pm**Christmas Pageant** – December 23, 9:30 am**Christmas Eve Services**— December 24 @ 5:00 pm and 11:00 pm, Music at 10:30 pm**Lessons & Carols**—December 30 @ 10:30 am Service**Feast of Lights** – January 6, 5:30 pm**RISE AGAINST HUNGER STILL NEEDS YOUR HELP**

Sunday night's event was another huge success where about one hundred folks ranging in age from 3 to 80 worked together and very hard to make 20,000 meals to send to third world countries where poor nutrition is life threatening. While successful in that goal, we remain short of our \$6,000 financial goal. You can still help by sending a contribution to St. John's marked for Rise Against Hunger.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S****SUNDAY, Dec 9**

7:30 am Holy Eucharist  
8:15 am Breakfast in the Parish House  
9:15 am Christian Formation for all ages  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
Noon EYC Angel Tree Shopping  
4:20 pm Children's Choir

**MONDAY, Dec 10**

12 Noon Clergy Led Bible Study in the Small Dining Room  
6:00 pm Men's Group in the Library

**TUESDAY, Dec 11**

7:00 am Holy Eucharist  
8:30 am Prayer Group

**WEDNESDAY, Dec 12**

11:30 am Centering Prayer  
3:30 pm Coffee @ Café Louisa  
5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

**THURSDAY, Dec 13**

12:05 pm Holy Unction and Holy Eucharist  
6:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

**St. John's Faithfulness****Required Weekly**

\$36,066.80

**Received Sunday****\$23,445.68****Required to Date**

\$1,731,206.40

**Received to Date**

\$1,586,337.28

**Building Fund Debt**

\$110,000

**Outstanding Building Pledges**

\$135,840

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### DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Those who wish to make donations for the decoration of the church at Christmas, please send a check and this form to the church as soon as possible.

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