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The Eagle

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The Four Realms of Human Need

I have often heard people dismiss their problems as inconsequential or unimportant by saying, "I have a roof over my head and food on the table, I have nothing to complain about." I have also heard people relativize others' problems by telling them "You have a roof over your head and food on your table, what do you have to complain about!" While it is true that many in the world do not have their basic physical needs met, there are other human needs that must be met for us to live a physically, emotionally, intellectually, and spiritually healthy life. In fact, deficits in the emotional, intellectual, and spiritual realm can contribute to anxiety and depression just as significantly as the absence of basic physical needs.

Look over the list below. Are there things on this list that are missing in your life? If you are parents, are there things on this list that are missing in your children's lives? How is St. John's doing as a church community to help people have their physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs addressed? If you find there are some glaring deficiencies in your life or your children's lives, what steps can you take to try to address them? How can friends, family, or the church help you? How can you be a good friend, parent, spouse, or sister/brother-in-Christ to help support others in their needs? Christ lived a fully human life. He calls us to live one, too.

Faithfully, Deonna+

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION OFFERINGS

The Welcome Course

An engaging program of presentations and discussions about the Christian Faith and the Episcopal tradition. If...

- You're new to Christianity, or
- You've been to a lot of church services over a long time, but still have many questions about God and faith, or
- You've been a Christian for years, but have never had the chance to seriously examine your faith in a friendly, accepting place, or
- You want to make an adult declaration of faith and commitment to God by being baptized or confirmed, or
- You've been a member of another church but want to know what Episcopalians believe, and how St John's is different from the church you grew up in,

Please register for the Welcome Course by emailing Duncan: duncan@stjohnsmontgomery.org
(Sundays at 9.15am in the Library)

Winter Bible Study on Ephesians

Deonna will lead an 11-week Bible study on Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Two identical sessions will be offered to provide a variety of participation options.

- 1) Sunday mornings (in-person in the Archives room on the 3rd floor) from 9.15 to 10.15am.
- 2) Tuesday nights (via Zoom) from 7pm to 8pm.

Service Opportunities

Many hands make light work. Several of our service teams are in need of additional hands..

- Men's Breakfast Ministry
- Pastoral Care
- Flower Guild
- Flower delivery Team
- Backpack Ministry

If you would like information about how you can get started with any of these ministries please email constance@stjohnsmontgomery.org

WARDENS' REPORT

The final Vestry meeting for 2022 was quite active. Here are the highlights:

- The Vestry gives a grateful thanks to those who have already pledged for 2023. Your able treasurer, **Richard Bradford** reported that we only have a few remaining parishioners who have been faithful givers in the past from whom we have not yet received 2023 pledge cards. **William Haynes** is organizing a final push to make contact with these parishioners to encourage them to include the church in their charitable giving plans for 2023. Richard also reported that we are on a good path to collecting fully the pledges for 2022, but we still have a few more 2022 pledges that need to be fulfilled.
- We are still on track to have the Windows project completed no later than February 2023 at which time the scaffolding (finally) will be fully removed.
- The Vestry APPROVED a painting restoration and cleaning project to go forward in early 2023 for the two large Rubens copies that have hung in our Nave for nearly 100 years. The committee that will oversee this project will be **Melissa Carter, Hank Johnson, Duncan Johnston, Seibels Marshall, Fred Matthews** and **Will Hill Tankersley**. The Vestry anticipates the paintings will be removed in January 2023 and returned in June 2023.
- The Vestry also anticipates that beginning in March 2023 there will be repairs to the wooden frames for the hallway windows on the eastern (parking lot) side of the church and that (thanks to **William Haynes** and his finance and administration committee) our flat roof drainage problems for the roof over the Sacristy finally will be corrected.
- The Vestry has APPROVED the following Vestry Class of 2025 to be presented to the parish at the annual meeting on Sunday January 22, 2023: **Melissa Carter, Mark Chappell, Anne Hammer, Catherine McLemore, Keith Miller** and **Allison Prillaman**. Vestry bios and pictures of the proposed members of the class of 2025 are available below.
- The Vestry also APPROVED the wardens' and rector's joint motion that **Margaret Ann Selman** serve as the 2023 Junior Warden. Margaret Ann will assume her Junior Warden duties and **William Haynes** will become the Senior Warden during the Vestry retreat scheduled for the end of January 2023.
- The Vestry APPROVED the recommendations of a select committee to consider security enhancements to the church. This select committee was comprised of **Jim Beck, John Carter, Duncan Johnston, Nna Knapp, Casey Shaw** and **Will Hill Tankersley**.
- The Vestry also said farewell to the Vestry Class of 2022 (**Betsy Cannon, Cissy Johnson, Brice Johnston, J.R. Marshall, Scott Mitchell, Dudley Perry** and **Will Hill Tankersley**). This Vestry Class of 2022 faced the many challenges and opportunities of the last three years with a faithful and energetic determination to be active in the leadership of the church as well as a commitment to keep the parish informed about the actions of the Vestry.

Every Blessing

The Wardens (**Will Hill Tankersley** and **William Haynes**)

Please join us, January 22, 2023, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall for the
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AND VESTRY ELECTIONS.



Melissa Carter

Melissa is originally from Baltimore and is a cradle Episcopalian. She holds a Bachelor of Arts from Duke University in French and German. She has taught high school French and German. She has also worked as a language analyst for the NSA. As part of her husband John's Air Force assignments, Melissa has lived in 10 states as well as England and Korea. Upon John's and her return to Montgomery in 2007, Melissa recalled St. John's from its Vacation Bible School and became a member of our church. Since then, Melissa has served in many St. John's activities. She is the chair of the St. John's archives, is the current President of the Daughters of the King, serves on the altar guild, is part of the flower delivery team, provides pastoral care, helps to organize the Treasure Attic for the St. John's annual bazaar, is a member of the paintings restoration project and serves on the reception committee. Melissa has previously served on the St. John's Vestry.

Mark Chappell

Mark is a business and transactional lawyer with the law firm of Hbtsford Gilliland. Originally from Alex City, AL, He holds an undergraduate degree from Auburn University and a law degree from The University of Mississippi School of Law. When he and his wife, Morgan Chappell (also a lawyer), moved to Montgomery in 2019, neither had much experience with the Episcopal Church. They visited several local churches and were impressed with St. John's beautiful liturgy and worship spaces. More than that, they were enthusiastically and warmly welcomed to our church. Since then, both Mark and Morgan have been active as Eucharistic Ministers. This will be Mark's first term on the St. John's Vestry.



Anne Hammer

Anne was received into the Episcopal Church from the Catholic Church in 1969. She became a communicant of St. John's in 2004. Anne has been a faithful and active member of our church. She has attended Cursillo, completed EFM and has represented St. John's at the Diocesan Convention. She has chaired and continues to support the Bazaar and Reception committees. Other current involvement includes, the Hope Inspired Ministry (HM), Backpack Program, EDW office volunteer and the Eucharistic Visitor ministry. She is a frequent participant in St. John's adult formation classes both in person and online. Anne is also a veteran and retired nurse. Her nursing career includes serving as an officer in the United States Air Force. She retired as an OB/GYN Registered Nurse educator for Health Services, Inc. This will be Anne's first term on the St. John's Vestry.

Catherine McLemore

Catherine is a cradle Episcopalian with a long family history at the Church of the Ascension. She holds a BFA in drawing and painting from the University of Georgia. Catherine studied portraiture in Paris and spent the next 20 years making a living as a portrait artist in several Southern states. Presently, she paints for her own enjoyment. Catherine joined St. John's in 2002. After that, she met and married Charles. She participates in food ministries, especially the St. John's Backpack Program and the Holy Comforter Food Pantry. Catherine is a graduate of EFM, serves on the flower guild, is a Lector, serves at the Bazaar and is a chalice bearer. She also devoted considerable time and energy to our parish profile. This will be her first term on the St. John's Vestry.



Keith Miller

Keith was brought up Baptist in Mobile, Alabama and in 1996 was confirmed into the Episcopal church. Keith has had a distinguished legal career stretching back nearly 30 years. He holds an undergraduate degree from Sanford University and a law degree from the University of Alabama. He is a Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of Gray Television, Inc. a media company that owns 113 television stations that reaches over a third of all U.S. television households. Prior to joining Gray TV, Keith was an Associate General Counsel for Alfa Mutual Insurance Company. Since he and his family joined St. John's in 2000, Keith has been very active at St. John's as a High School Sunday School teacher, Lector, Eucharistic Minister, St. John's Diocesan Delegate, every member canvasser, and host for Family Promise. Also, he has previously served on St. John's Vestry.

Allison Prillaman

Allison was born and raised in Montgomery. She attended Auburn University where she received her degree in Marketing. She is a mortgage loan officer at Fairway Independent Mortgage Corporation. Allison previously served as the president of the Junior League of Montgomery and is currently on the board of the Family Sunshine Center. She was raised in the Methodist church and became an Episcopalian upon her marriage to Nick in 2015. Allison and Nick have two sons. Her involvement with St. John's has included EDW and the young adults supper club. This will be Allison's first term on the St. John's Vestry.

