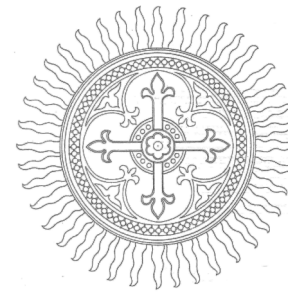


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Sunday, SunDAY, SUNDAY

Dear Friends,

As Sunday approaches, I am filled with joy and anticipation for the beginning of our ministry together in the context of resuming in person worship at St. John's. Based on a consensus of public health and medical advice, and under the direction of the Bishop, we have made decisions that will minimize the risks of attending church. I have confidence in your patience and understanding as we re-open under strange, but necessary conditions.

The late Rachel Held Evans in her book Searching for Sunday, offered this, "They reminded me that Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I cannot be a Christian on my own. I need a community. I need the church."

The pandemic has challenged this notion of being in church as a sufficient act of faith. Being prohibited from doing so has forced all of us, lay and ordained, in Montgomery and beyond, to more actively be the church. Our physical separation does not equate to the diminishment of community but expands how we define our relationships in deeper and more meaningful ways. I think Rachel was suggesting that community is not a product of our presence but the manifestation of our connectedness as beloved people of God.

Whether we are here on Sunday or if we are at home, we are a community of beloved people, who desperately need each other. God has created us for one another, and Jesus came to live, share, eat and speak with God's people so that we might remind one another of our belovedness. Parts of our community will feel different, parts of our Sunday morning routines will be different and parts of our experience of worship will be different, but God remains unchanged and undoubtedly present in each one of our lives.

We recall the words from Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." We can keep our focus on Jesus, and the new life to which we are called. To be grateful and filled with hope seems a good starting point to reconcile the past, pre-Covid church, to the present.

Here are a couple of reminders about Sunday:

- Only two entrances will be unlocked (Madison Ave and the porte cochere)
- Please limit your presence to the Nave

<p>Vestry and Staff Rector: John P. Leach Associate Rector: Jamie Osborne Priest Associate: Deonna D. Neal</p> <p>Staff: Libby Poole: Financial Administrator Anne Tippet: Assistant to the Rector, Clerk to the Vestry Sarah Collier: Director of Children's Christian Formation Joleen George: Director of Youth Ministries and Parish Communications Joel Gregory: Organist and Choirmaster Mike Jarrell Maintenance Superintendent Myron Smoke, Judson George: Custodial Staff</p> <p>Vestry of St. John's: Jimmy McLemore Sr. Warden, Radney Ramsey Jr. Warden</p> <p>Class of 2021 Virginia Banister, Richard Bradford, Kathryn Dailey, Mike Jenkins, Stephanie Norrell, Todd Westhauser</p> <p>Class of 2022 John Carter, Will Gunter, Katie Keller, Mary-Nelms Parsons, Nick Prillaman, Emily Wise</p> <p>Class of 2023 Betsy Cannon, Cissy Johnson, Brice Johnston, J.R. Marshall, Scott Mitchell, Dudley Perry, Will Hill Tankersley, JR.</p> <p>Treasurer: Helen Wells</p>	<p>THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 am Morning Prayer with Sermon 10:30 am Morning Prayer with Sermon</p> <p>Monday 8:10 am Facebook Live Morning Prayer 12:00 Bible Study via Zoom 9:00 pm Facebook Live Compline</p> <p>Tuesday 8:10 am Facebook Live Morning Prayer 9:00 pm Facebook Live Compline</p> <p>Wednesday 8:10 am Facebook Live Morning Prayer 9:00 pm Facebook Live Compline 3:30 pm Coffice at Café Louisa</p> <p>Thursday 8:10 am Facebook Live Morning Prayer 9:00 pm Facebook Live Compline</p> <p>Friday 8:10 am Facebook Live Morning Prayer 9:00 pm Facebook Live Compline</p>
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- Wear a face-covering
- Please limit gathering and socializing to outside spaces
- No childcare
- No congregational singing
- Livestream available on YouTube and Facebook at 10:30am

May God bless us, keep us and hold us in his hand,

God's Peace,

The Rev. John P Leach, Rector
St. John's Church

THE LESSONS:

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Matthew 18:21-35

THE COLLECT:

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

JOY AND CONCERN

Your prayers are requested for the following parishioners: Christopher Marshall, Sarah Stone, Karen Jarrell, Eddie McDowell, Joe McGough, Cynthia Hill, George Wakefield, Frances Condit, Marilyn Pickett.

Prayers are also requested for these friends: Rob Ludington, Gloria Hudgeon, Mary Linger, George West, Randy Rushton, Tommy Oliver, Karen & Angelo Pacheco, Acra Hackney Samuels, Margaret (Marty) Hackney, Ed Sellers, Tom Broadhurst, Ricky Hatfield, Willie Fred Gamble, Monica Powell, Chase Pickett, Al Perkins, Pam Litel, Aaron Hines, Daphne Oliver, Dawn Damato, Dottie Campbell, Scott Bradford, Mary Steindorff, Jack Mitchell, Margaret Carlson, Paula Hamm Roberts, Kim Barnhart, Lavada Spears Persons, Charles Colvin, Cookie Zibilich, Charlie Smith, Clemmon Barlow, Chuck Holley, Sandy Lynn Stevens, Masha Kloberg, Andy Silverman, William Hardwick Ray, Meredith McLemore, Ernie Reddick, Vaughan Dozier, Jennifer Passineau, Raye Gregory, Richard Burk, Bob Capra, Gillian Flory, Randall Williams, Savannah Wright, John Stallings, Linda Robbins, Mark Wimble, John Scott.

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

St. John's Faithfulness

Required Weekly

\$35,556.41

Received Sunday

\$36,579.97

Required to Date

\$1,280,030.76

Received to Date

\$1,251,506.19

The Children's News- Fall 2020

Weekly Events:

Sunday morning Children's message (St. John's Facebook)

Zoom Sunday school session

Sunday evening Children's Compline- 7:00 pm (St. John's Facebook)

Fall Wednesday Night ZOOM series (look for more information soon)

All children will receive Sunday school curriculum bags which include weekly lessons, crafts and game ideas!

Children's Sunday school will meet each week beginning September 13.

***Sarah Collier will email the parents login information.*

Any questions? Contact Sarah. Sarah@stjohnsmontgomery.org

EYC News

Coffice will start back September 16th from 3:30-5:00 at Café Louisa! We can't wait to get back together safely! Our first EYC will be September 20th from 5:00-6:30. We will be outside playing games. Please bring your own water bottle and wear your mask. There will be no food

ECW NEWS

ECW ADOPTS CHANGES TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

While we may not have been able to have face-to-face meetings, the ECW Board has been busy in the background these last several months. New officers took effect in January and immediately started work on updating the Policies and Procedures and comprising operational manuals for each board member.

The ECW Board is comprised of chairwomen of the various guilds and service committees, plus liaisons from the staff and the Vestry.

Serving as the Executive Committee are:

Debbie Schremser: President

Betsy Cannon: President-Elect

Virginia Banister: Past President

Elizabeth Via Brown: Communications/Publications Officer

Ellen Habermacher: Secretary/Treasurer

Anne Tippett: Executive Assistant.

Due to ongoing restrictions due to COVID-19, this year's annual fund-raising bazaar has been canceled. A long-time tradition, the bazaar raises funds for various community agencies, especially those that benefit women and families. Last year, the bazaar made \$30,000, which was divided between Adullam House and Aid to In-mate Mothers.

While women are often the outward face of receptions, weddings, guilds and the bazaar in the parish, the general purpose of the ECW is to empower the women of the Episcopal Church to carry out Christ's work throughout the parish, the community and the world.

Look for more ECW news in the Eagle in the coming months.