



August 3, 2022

From Fr. John

As I mentioned last Sunday, the Bishops of The Episcopal Church (USA) are in England. The Lambeth Conference is an international meeting of Anglican bishops. The conference discusses church and world affairs and the global mission of the Anglican Communion for the decade ahead.

One of the issues that has plagued the Anglican Communion for decades is that the Church in this country recognizes and celebrates our LGBTQ+ siblings as full and complete members of the Body of Christ, which we reaffirm in our Baptismal Covenant, when we vow to love our neighbors as ourselves and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Yesterday our Presiding Bishop, the Most Reverend Michael Curry, recorded a message for the Church, in which he reported on the latest session of the conference. Please take a couple of minutes to watch the Presiding Bishop's message [here](#).

Bishop Curry's message is one of hope. He ends with these words, "This group of bishops today are finding a way to walk together as a church. And the words that have echoed in our ears over and over again have been the words of Jesus: 'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.' Not that you agree. But that you love one another. And so we are still walking together. And in our Church, we are making 'plenty good room' for all of God's children."

The Presiding Bishop's message reminds us that The Episcopal Church stands for the proposition that we are ALL children of one God. That we are ALL worthy of dignity and respect. And that there will always be room for EVERYONE in this Church. Thanks be to God for that fact, and for each one of you.

Peace be with you all,
Fr. John+

Blessing of Backpacks

The new school year is upon us already! All children, youth and adults attending school this year are invited to bring their filled backpacks and tablets/laptops to the 10:30 a.m. service **THIS Sunday, August 7th**, for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks! All school personnel who are so vital to the education and nurture of the students are invited, as well, for a special blessing! Coffee hour in the Parish Hall follows the service. What a wonderful way to begin the new school year!





July Ministry Fund

In July, St. James was able to assist 3 families with \$850 for rent. We have a waiting list of over 25 families from June with more calling daily.

Please remember that this is the first Sunday and that "loose plate" collection (cash) is designated for the Ministry Fund. We welcome donations by check as well - please make checks payable to St. James with Ministry Fund written in the check's Memo section. Thank you!

Home Communion
Thursday - August 18
Joan & Dana Brunson's Home
6170 Audubon Oaks
Alexandria, LA



Bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share! Bring a friend, too! Enjoy faith and fellowship in a relaxed setting with family and friends!

Worship



August 7th
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click here for the readings.](#)

August 7th
Evening Prayer
Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)

Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620

[Click here for the order of service & readings.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

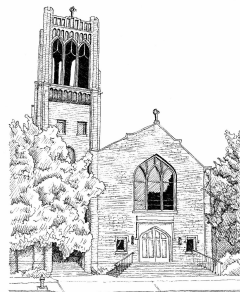
Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Trevor From, Richard Norem, Bedingfield Family, Pepe Rizzo, Alice Gill, Bonnie McLellan, Devon Miller, Eileen DeBoer, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Rita and Bill Clancey, Bernard Parker, Rachel and Ben, Kristie Fresh, Janet & Carl Ahren, Andrea, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Jack Bender, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Stacy, Chase Barnfield, Mattie Dean McNaughton, Johnnie Hart, Taylor Thompson, Jane Y. Harris, Kip Hogue, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Jimmy Hurt, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Jackie Jeanne, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Sarah, Jackie Moody, Wayne Moorehead, Pat Carter, Kevin Hooter, Jane Tyson, Gerard, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Josh Duff, Samuel Hayes, Steven Brevelle, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Gill Tatman-Tyree, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in August (day):

Walter McLellan (2), Susie Radow (3), Becky Warren (4), Sonny Trammell (7), Linda Culpepper (8), Larry Menache (8), Fr. John Bedingfield (9), Suzanne Alexander (11), Catherine Davidson (12), Tish Fresh (12), David Lind (13), Claire Callis (14), Murel Trimble (14), Betty Ingrish (15), Scott Yeager (15), Gene Sterling (19), Paton Downs (21), Faye Flanagan (21), McKenzie Yeager (22), Jameson Milliner (23), Delores Brewer (24), Nancy Flournoy (25), Allie Malone (27), Sara Davidson (28) and Susan Frey (28).



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