

July 5, 2023

From Fr. John

Last Sunday we had a very short Gospel reading. In fact, I do not remember us using one that has less verses than this one. Here it is in its entirety (Matthew 10:40-42).

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

While context shows that Jesus was speaking about his disciples, who were going on mission trips, the underlying message is the message of Christian hospitality. In chapter 25 Jesus universalizes the message, when he says, "Truly I tell you, just as you (gave food, water, or comfort) to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

St. James is a welcoming parish. For that we give thanks. But we must always strive to be even better at our hospitality to people outside this congregation. We should always look for new and expanded ways to reach out to others, particularly those who are on the margins of society and those who have previously been wounded by "The Church."

It's hard work. It's good work. It's Jesus' work. It's our work.

Fr. John+

Wednesday Evening Service

During the summer, Fr. John continues to offer the 5:15 p.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist in the chapel.



Episcopalian Slip-Knots Saturday, July 8 10:00 AM - Noon in Youth Building

The Episcopalian Slip-knots continue to take up their knitting needles and crochet hooks to create scarves, hats, and other warm fuzzies to donate to the Homeless Coalition around the corner, to disburse to our neighbors in need in the wintertime. Come enjoy the fellowship and coffee! Contact Sara Fuhrer at 985-237- 9848 for more information.

Adult Christian Formation Continues Through Summer



We are beginning our study of the story of Abraham from the Book of Genesis. Come and join us in the parlor at 9:15 on Sunday mornings. Bring a cup of coffee, or your favorite beverage, and sit in. There is no preparation needed

to join in the discussion.



Home Communion in July

During the course of the summer months, we at St. James gather as a faith community in the homes of parishioners for “table fellowship” – by breaking Bread during Holy Communion and then by breaking bread together for our dinner meal. Host families provide the entrée while guests provide salads, sides, desserts, and drinks. Plan to join us for our July 19th (Wednesday) gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Tish and Babson Fresh (3820 Rue Left Bank in Alexandria - off Brown's Bend Road behind Tractor Supply Co.).

The Reverend S. Ross Jones

A memorial service with interment of ashes for The Reverend Ross Jones will be held in Woodville, MS, on Saturday, July 29, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A reception will follow. All are welcome! Fr. Ross was the rector of St. James from 1981 - 1992.



WORSHIP



July 9th

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

July 9, 2023
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 & reading.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

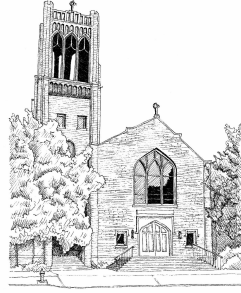
Brady Brown, Heather Craig, Dr. Wesley Davis, Steve Caballero, Anna Stapleton, Shannon Norman, Janelle Prindle, Jimmy Perkins, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Belle Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Lawrence, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Charles, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Beth Hebert, Rita Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Kyle Jordan, Samuel Hayes, Franklin Watson, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in July (day):

Brooksy Semple (3), Dave Curry (4), Judy Curry (7), Josh Brown (10), Bill Henderson (10), Ulla Knoepp (12), Caroline Theus (14), Monroe Adams (16), Jamie Lemoine (18), Sailor Ellzey (23), William Maynard (23), Mary Cozad (25), Cullen Theus (27), Martha Walker (28).



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