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The Cross and Crown

14th, 15th, 16th, & 17th SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST ~ SEPTEMBER 2020

Worship with us from HOME

Join us each week online for our Sunday worship service which is available for viewing at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays and any time after that on demand. Look for the service on our You Tube channel, "All Saints' Episcopal Church, Tupelo MS". You can find the current Sunday bulletin at https://allsaintstupelo.org/?page_id=81

podcast

For those interested in a weekly adult Christian formation opportunity, the Sunday Lectionary Class continues in the form of podcasts. Each week selected lectionary texts are presented as we move through the long green Season after Pentecost.

These podcasts offer a great way to stay engaged with locally grown Christian education until we're fully able to gather again. The readings appointed for each Sunday can be found at <http://lectionarypage.net/>

Join us on our Facebook page, @AllSaintsTupelo, Wednesdays at noon for a live streamed service of Noonday Prayers.

Links to all of our online offerings are emailed each week on Sunday mornings. We're working on additional online offerings; watch for details in future publications! We hope you'll join us! #allfindawelcome

FROM THE OFFICE

For more information, visit our website www.allsaintstupelo.org



God, who is the giver of every good gift, you are ever present in our lives and in the world. You act through us, your people, to care for and provide for everyone. We pray for the courage to break out of our insecurity and fear around money as we deepen our understanding of our relationship to you and how we use our financial resources to do your work in the world. We pray these things that we might know you better, that you will increase our desire and ability to give and help others through ministry and friendship and to gratefully commit ourselves to the work you have given us to do. Amen. *Borrowed from Trinity Episcopal Church, Swanton, Vermont*

OPERATING – JULY 2020

Revenue:	Actual	Budget
Pledge	\$45,658	\$39,442
All other sources	\$ <u>2,802</u>	\$ <u>4,731</u>
Total	\$48,460	\$44,173
Expenses:		
Clergy	\$ 9,883	\$10,687
Staff	\$12,959	\$13,466
Office	\$ 1,369	\$ 1,367
Physical Plant	\$10,200	\$12,908
Community Outreach	\$ 8,214	\$ 8,339
Worship/Programs	\$ <u>308</u>	\$ <u>2,461</u>
Total	\$37,979	\$45,079
Net Total	\$ 5,527	(\$ 5,056)
Year-to-date operating surplus (\$ 2,724)		

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – JULY 2020

Actual Revenue	\$ 5,024
Actual Expenses	\$ <u>17,158</u>
Net	(\$ 12,134)
Cash Balance at month end	\$110,518

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Thank you all for continuing to support our parish financially. While this is good news we continue to see shortfalls to budget in plate collections and non-pledge offerings. While attendance was limited at our in-person services, giving typically received at those services naturally suffered. For those households that typically give in person, please consider these alternative giving options:
Via mail: All Saints' Episcopal Church, 608 W Jefferson St., Tupelo, MS 38804

www.allsaintstupelo.org

Click on "Giving to All Saints" in the blue ribbon just below the logo under "Quick Links" click on "Giving to All Saints Online". Halfway down this page on the left, select "Click HERE to Give to All Saints' Online!". On this page type in a dollar amount and your email address and click "Continue" If you have already setup an ACS access then login or click to the right "Continue as Guest." This will take you to a screen where you can enter your card information or bank account for an eCheck. Then click "Give" at the bottom

Or text ALLSAINTSTUPELO TO 73256. You will receive a text with a link that will take you directly to the online giving screens just described above.

The office will be closed and the staff will be off on Monday, September 7 in observance of





FROM THE RECTOR

I thought I would use this space in our monthly newsletter to reflect on the month that has passed and to think ahead to the month that is coming. To be honest, August was a good but also an exceedingly difficult month. A lot happened at All Saints' and CTK during the month of August that will impact, mostly for the good, our ministry for years. This past month, there were moments of joy and celebrations but also some moments that caused us to pause and mourn.

First, let us reflect on what caused us to pause during this past month to stop and grieve. One was the passing of one of God's faithful servants, Tom Evans, which hit all of us hard. Tom will be missed but his presence in the church will never be forgotten. In fact, there was a request for Tom's pew cushions to remain in place where he sat every Sunday. They will stay there in that pew.

I do not want to forget those of you who lost loved ones this month. I know that many of you are grieving. Please know that I am holding you in my prayers as you move through this difficult time.

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let your light perpetual shine upon them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We also had to say bye to Rufus Van Horn as he left to go to seminary. It is a delight to see people follow where God is leading them, even when that call leads them away from us. I had hoped that we could have thrown a huge celebration for Rufus. However, this pandemic prevented us from that celebration. If you would like to support Rufus during his time in seminary, please let us know.

With the increasing number of Coronavirus cases, we had to, once again, alter our plans for our worship services. Because of this, we decided to explore what we needed to do to make our on-line worship the best that it could be. The most important issues we had to address were audio and video quality. With help from Taylor Sparks, Mark Maharrey, and Chris Winders, the Vestry has begun to invest in new technology that will help All Saints' and CTK with our on-line presence. Ty Robinson has let us borrow a camera until we can purchase one. We are looking to update the Church's Wi-Fi so that the Nave will have Wi-Fi access. This will help with our ability to live stream services. We see the future of the church being a wonderful balance of technology and ancient liturgy.

Even with the best and most updated technology that can stream high definition worship services to you at home, we still seek a sense of community. So, while in August we focused on upgrading our technology, in September we plan to explore ways to support our sense of community. This is going to cause us to get creative. How do we foster community without the ability to get together in large groups to spend time with each other? There are several ideas that we are exploring.

The first idea that we are working on is what I am calling "Front Yard Eucharist." We are looking at finding ways to bring community and Eucharist to you through small group Eucharist. The idea is to invite people who are willing and able, to host a small group in their front or back yard, where we can practice distancing, for a short Eucharist. I will meet with one small group a week for Eucharist. Once we have a small group established, they could meet weekly for Morning or Evening Prayer. I will rotate between groups each week to offer Eucharist. We are still working on the planning of these Front Yard Eucharist but hope to test this idea soon. If you would like to host a Front Yard Eucharist, please contact the church office and I will discuss this with you. The office number is 662-842-4386.

We are also exploring ways to replicate our monthly potlucks. The thought will be to offer a gathering through the on-line program Zoom. This will allow us the ability to come together virtually and spend time with each other from our own homes. This will not be as good as seeing each other in person, but it will allow us the ability to connect with each other in a safe way.

It is most important that we remember that the church has not stopped. We are the church. We are called to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ no matter how or where we meet. I love each of you and hold you all in my prayers. God bless each of you.

Phillip

PARISH MINISTRIES

VESTRY

Deanna Alford, Sr. Warden
Fred Cannon, Jr. Warden
Art Chambers,
Harry Dieckmann,
Anna Fleming, Stan Furr,
Mickey Gray, Stephen King,
Mark Maharrey,
Mary Jane Meadows,
Kamme Riddle, Cathy Sparks,
Paul White, Manuela Wilson

The Vestry meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE AUGUST VESTRY MEETING

- ✓ Received reports from the Treasurer, the Vestry Commissions, the Mediation Implementation Task Force, the Website Redesign Committee and the Stewardship Committee.
- ✓ Approved appointment of Bud Nelson as Assistant Treasurer.
- ✓ Approved quotes to enhance our digital, electronic and audio/visual capabilities for our online worship and educational options.
- ✓ Activated the Budget, Nominating and Compensation Review Committees.



**In July
155 faithful volunteers
served 1,387 meals**

to individuals, families with children, those employed who are food insecure, those unemployed due to COVID-19 and homeless persons.

Our immediate needs are coffee, and any type of individually wrapped breakfast items such as, cereal bars, muffins, Pop-Tarts or applesauce.



The CARE Team assists the Priest and Deacon with the pastoral care needs of the parish. Service is organized into teams that serve once every 6 weeks. If you are interested in serving with this ministry, contact the office at 842-4386, Vickie Vance or Joellen Murphree.

Last month, the Care Team made 8+ phone calls; delivered 2 flower arrangements; provided 1 meal and provided transportation for 2 parishioners.

Begins September 13 ~ ~ To subscribe visit

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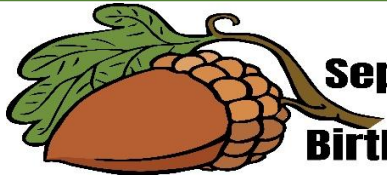
Receive a weekly resource to help your household establish simple routines and rituals to ground yourselves amidst the chaos. The email will include a meal liturgy for sharing a sacred story, wondering about its meaning, and giving thanks for one another; a liturgy for night prayers that children and adults, alike, can use to reflect on the day; and activities and reflections for all ages to further explore the week's sacred story. Questions? wrobinson@dioms.org

observe
ordinary
time

WITH THOSE
IN YOUR
HOUSEHOLD



Family Page



September Birthdays

September 1 Cathy Fitzpatrick
 September 2 Joan Ball
 September 3 Wayne Averett, Grant Smith
 Jeff Tomlinson
 September 4 Hayes Hershfelt
 Harry Dieckmann
 Candace Browning
 September 5 Janis Tutor
 September 5 Tre' Hill
 September 6 Frank Pate
 September 7 Rick Armstrong
 September 10 Laura Leigh Fowlkes
 September 11 Paul Perry
 September 12 Tom Robinson, Wanda King
 September 13 Hailey Wooldridge Newell
 September 14 Emily Jackson
 September 18 Ellora Dey
 September 19 Donna Timmons
 September 21 Helen King
 September 24 Belva Poland
 September 25 Lynn Nelson
 September 26 Lillian Browning
 September 27 Morgan Winders
 September 29 Peter Gray
 September 30 Marshall Edmondson

September 13
 Marcie & Bill Morgan

September 18
 Virginia & Bill Mathews

September 21 Susan & Eric Svenson
 September 25 Cathy & Mike Fitzpatrick
 September 29 Kaye & Fred Cannon
 Lisa & Mickey Gray



GIFTS RECEIVED

HONORARIUMS

For Stephen King
 Given by Jace King (*Saints' Brew*)

For Billy Walton
 Given by JC & Ruth Poole (*Saints' Brew*)

GIFTS RECEIVED

MEMORIALS

For: Robbie Wooldridge, Kathy Fealhaber, Dickson Caldwell, Jo Griffin Anderson, Alfina Buckley & Tom Prather
 Given by Betty Lee Marshall (*Building Fund*)

For: Kathy Fealhaber, Pat Senter, Ken Priest, Gayle Barshaw, Tom Prather & Paul Bailey
 Given by Pat Bobo (*Saints' Brew*)

For Kathy Fealhaber
 Given by Dan & Mona Warlick (*Saints' Brew*)
 Given by Phil & Donna Timmons (*Capital Fund*)

For Tom Evans
 Given by Roy & Doris Ryan
 Johanna Rice, H. Mack Jolly
 Karen Asbury (*Music Fund*)
 Donna & Phil Timmons (*Flower Guild*)
 James Roberts & Adam Hill
 Bebe Yarbrough
 Jerry & Deb Davis

GIFTS TO SAINTS' BREW

MEMORIALS

For Drew Montgomery
 Given by: Tray & Betsy Ivy
 The Greg Strahan Family,
 Robert & Midge Earnest,
 David L. Bradley, Karen Asbury,
 Candace Duncan, Barry Kirsch,
 Stonegate Homeowners Association,
 Phil & Donna Timmons, Robin & Cindy Faucette



For Paul Bailey
 Given by Phil & Donna Timmons

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Many thanks to F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry in Nettleton for their on-going contributions to Saints' Brew.

We deeply appreciate all who volunteer and donate to this ministry.

June Caldwell, Bob & Florence Jo Corban

Click <https://allsaintstupelo.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Current-Intercessory-Prayer-List-4.pdf> for the current intercessory prayer list.



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MISSION STATEMENT

To equip ourselves for Christ's service by gathering for worship, fellowship, prayer, and study; To minister to and support each other, and to welcome all who walk through our doors; To act as responsible stewards of God's gifts to us; And to do God's work in the world by seeking and serving Christ in all persons.

OCTOBER 2020

Details about how we'll celebrate this anniversary coming soon!

