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In common mission with



The Cross and Crown

18th, 19th, 20th, & 21st SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST ~ OCTOBER 2020



We will kick-off our celebration of our 150th year on

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

Join us for services in the tradition of our founders
using the Communion Service from the
1789 Book of Common Prayer.

FROM THE OFFICE

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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 – AUGUST 2020

Revenue:	Actual	Budget
Pledge	\$31,007	\$39,442
All other sources	<u>\$ 3,002</u>	<u>\$ 4,731</u>
Total	\$34,009	\$44,173

Expenses:		
Clergy	\$ 9,883	\$10,687
Staff	\$11,872	\$13,466
Office	\$ 1,163	\$ 1,367
Physical Plant	\$ 1,991	\$ 8,708
Community Outreach	\$ 9,714	\$ 8,339
Worship/Programs	\$ 2,135	\$ 2,461
Special Programs	<u>\$ 170</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Total	\$36,928	\$45,029

Net Total (\$ 2,919) (\$ 856)

Year-to-date operating surplus (\$ 5,642)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN – AUGUST 2020

Actual Revenue	\$ 4,608
Actual Expenses	<u>\$ 17,158</u>
Net	(\$ 12,550)
Cash Balance at month end	\$ 97,900

YOUR GIVING MATTERS!

Thank you all for continuing to support our parish financially. We continue to see shortfalls to budget in plate collections and non-pledge offerings. For those households that typically give in person, but are not comfortable attending an in-person service right now, 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.

Postponed

Until we are able to gather more fully, we have made the difficult decision to postpone our annual Blessing of the Animals and our Parish Picnic which are usually held in October. We hope to offer these events at a later time. The annual Oktoberfest celebration and Trunk or Treat have been cancelled for 2020 but will be back better than ever in 2021!

FROM THE RECTOR



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five theses to the door of All Saints' Church in Wittenbury. This act of nailing the Ninety-five theses to the doors of a church is considered the beginning of the Reformation. While Luther is best remembered for his desire to reform, what he viewed as, corruption in the Church through the selling of indulgences, Luther also had something to say about pandemics. It might be interesting for us, as we move through the Coronavirus Pandemic, to explore what Luther had to say about life during an epidemic.

In the Fall of 1527, the Bubonic Plague returned to Wittenbury. The question emerged as to how should followers of Christ respond to this plague? Luther believed that epidemics were "spread among the people by evil spirits who poison the air." We, today, have a better understanding of viruses and how viruses cause illness instead of "evil spirits". We are still faced with some unknowns about this virus. We are still having to explore how to prevent infections and care for those who are sick with COVID. We are still having to explore what our response is to this pandemic.

In a letter, Martin Luther responds to a question that the Reverend Doctor Johann Hess asked about the Church's role in dealing with the plague. Luther responds by saying, "we are dutybound to help," and that we are to, "make our preparations, and take courage in the fact that we are mutually bound together so that we cannot desert one another or flee from one another." In this letter, Luther suggested that everyone would be "bold and fearless" in our desire to help if we were to learn that "Christ or his mother ... were laid low by illness...." Luther points out that "Christ himself says, 'As you did to one of the least, you did it to me'." Luther writes that, "if you wish to serve Christ and to wait on him, very well, you have your sick neighbor close at hand." Luther tells the Reverend Doctor Hess that if we serve and care for our neighbors, we are serving and caring for Christ himself.

Luther does show sympathy for those who could not stay, whether because it was due to their "weak faith" or other reasons. Luther stated that Holy Scripture does show that it is not wrong to "flee from death." Luther stated that people could flee from the plague but first they had to make sure that someone stayed to minister and care for those who were sick. Even "weak faith" is no reason to abandon your neighbor with no one to help them.

Luther's stance is that we should care for those who are affected by illness because, in doing so, we are caring for Christ. Luther also did state that people should take care of themselves. However, how Luther states this may seem harsh to us. Again in his letter to Hess, Luther writes, "If one makes no use of intelligence or medicine when he could do so without detriment to his neighbor, such a person injures his body and must beware lest he become a suicide in God's eyes." Luther argues that if someone goes without eating, drinking, or clothing when they know that these actions could result in death to themselves, that it "would be suicide." The same goes when we fail to care for ourselves during times of sickness. This leads me to wonder what Luther would say about wearing masks and practicing physical distancing? I wonder if Luther would say that since we have some knowledge that wearing masks and practicing physical distancing helps reduce the possibility of being infected with the Coronavirus and that if we refuse to practice these actions, are we being suicidal in the eyes of God? Like I said, this may seem harsh to us today and we do not know what God is thinking, but it is something for us to think about.

In his response to Reverend Doctor Johann Hess, Martin Luther reinforces our call to care for our neighbors, especially those who are sick. Luther made it clear that it is our duty as followers of Christ to serve our neighbors, to be there for them when they need us, or, at least, make sure that someone is there to take care of our neighbors when we cannot. Luther also reminded us that as followers of Christ we have to care and protect ourselves from illness. I thought it was interesting to hear Luther's thoughts about living during the plague and hope that his insight might give us something to think about as we live during this Coronavirus pandemic.

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PARISH MINISTRIES

Parish-wide Quiet Morning Retreat

You are invited to attend a meditation/reflection retreat on the morning of October 10 (Columbus Day Holiday) at Margaret Ann and Jimmy Robbins' farm from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m.

It is a beautiful setting in the woods with many places to be alone with God and hear His voice. There will be a short gathering/instruction time, time for personal meditation/reflection and a short closing. Phillip will be available for one-on-one meetings if desired.

Masks are required. Social distancing will be observed. Bottled water will be available. Bring your own coffee or tea if desired. No lunch or other food will be served this year (sorry!). You may wish to bring a Bible and a journal or pen and paper. Dress for being outdoors, but in case of rain we will still meet. There is enough room inside the house and guest house to spread out.

For questions or directions to the Robbins' home call the office at 842-4386 or text or call Joellen Murphree.



To Schedule a "Zoom" Meeting

If you would like to schedule a committee meeting or gathering via "Zoom", please call the office at 842-4386 to reserve the time slot and link. We have several committees that are meeting via "Zoom" and our subscription only allows for one hosted "Zoom" meeting in a specific time slot.



The Diocese of Mississippi's annual Clergy Conference is scheduled for October 12-15. Normally held at Gray Center, this year the Conference will be hosted virtually. Fr. Phillip will be attending all sessions of the virtual conference and will have other Conference related responsibilities during the week of October 12. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact the office (842-4386) or one of the Wardens, Deanna Alford (Sr. Warden) or Fred Cannon (Jr. Warden). Please keep the work of the clergy in the Diocese of Mississippi in your prayers.



All Saints' Day, Sunday November 1 is our next opportunity for baptism. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, please call the office at 842-4386. A baptismal counseling session is required in preparation.

All Faithful Departed Monday, November 2 6:30 p.m.

At the service, prayers will be offered for those who have died in 2020. You are invited to submit to the office, names of those to be remembered. After the service we will be tolling the bells in memory of the lives lost to COVID-19.



PARISH MINISTRIES



EYC for 7th – 12th grade youth has resumed an abbreviated schedule for the fall. They will be meeting every other week outside at 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Fr. Phillip along with several volunteers will be leading the activities with a light supper provided.

**Our next meeting dates are
October 11 & 25.**

All youth in grades 7 – 12 are invited to attend!



**In August
107 faithful volunteers
served 1,248 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.

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 SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING

- ✓ Received reports from the Treasurer, the Vestry Commissions, the Mediation Implementation Task Force, and the Stewardship Committee.
- ✓ Approved the membership of the Budget, Nominating and Compensation Review Committees.
- ✓ Discussed guidelines for returning to in-person worship services.



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; made 1 visit and sent 5 notes.

PARISH MINISTRIES

JOIN US ONLINE!



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

We will continue to offer our services online for those that are not comfortable joining us in person for worship each week. Both services will be live streamed on our Facebook page Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. The 10:45 service will also be recorded and uploaded on our You Tube channel for on-demand viewing. 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

Other online offerings...

For those interested in a weekly adult Christian formation opportunity, the Sunday Lectionary Class continues in the form of podcasts and "Zoom" discussions. Each week selected lectionary texts are presented as we move through the long green Season after Pentecost. The podcasts and "Zoom" discussions offer a great way to stay engaged with locally grown Christian education until we are fully able to gather again. If you want to receive the weekly invites to the "Zoom" discussion class, subscribe to the lectionary email list by contacting nancy@allsaintstupelo.org. The readings appointed for each Sunday can be found at <http://lectionarypage.net/>.

podcast

An Order of Service for Noonday with Prayers for Healing

Join us on our Facebook page, @AllSaintsTupelo, Wednesdays at noon.

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time

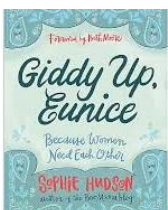
WITH THOSE
IN YOUR
HOUSEHOLD



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. To subscribe visit <https://diomseyouth.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=6b0fffb20be4a5d545b1e62042&id=c77dae198a>

Women, Words, and Wisdom Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. via Google Meet ECW will read together "Giddy Up, Eunice (Because Women Need Each Other)"

by Sophie Hudson ~ Led by Dana Maharrey



This book speaks to all women in our church and we cannot wait to explore it with all of you! If you are like me, I am listening to the audio book version and love the fact each of the chapters, including the introduction, average around 25 minutes each. For those of you still on the fence about reading (or listening), the book combines humorous southern storytelling with some solid teaching from scripture about the lives of Mary and Elizabeth (Luke 1), Ruth and Naomi (Book of Ruth), and Eunice and Lois (2 Timothy 1:5). **-Dana**

We hope you'll join us! #allfindawelcome

Family Page

October 1
Leslie Criss
October 3
Britt Hester
October 8
Janie Riddle
Kay Trapp



October 9 Jo Pate
October 10 Allison Bedillion
October 11 Buddy Vance
October 12 Amber Buckley
October 14 Deborah Orrick
October 15 Ann Springfield
October 19 Gracie James, Lillian Pratt
October 21 Sam Alton Westmoreland
October 22 Dan Warlick
October 23 Rahul Dey, Forrest Timmons
Josh Westmoreland
October 25 Carrie Barnes
October 26 James Paul Perry
October 28 Rebecca Murphy
Robert Shettles
October 30 Donna Barnes
October 31 Alison Goodman, Lila Goodman



October 1
Lynn & Bud Nelson
October 2
Jill & Brian Hart
October 8
Yvette & Wayne Slocum

October 13 Vicky & Buddy Vance
October 23 Eileen & David Bailey
October 28 Lisa & Jim Wiygul
October 29 Randi Leigh & Justin Cox

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and food everyone sent after the loss of my sister. Although we have not been together physically in a long time, please know I felt the arms of All Saints' during this difficult time.

Thank you again,
Dana Maharrey



MEMORIALS

For: Paul Bailey, Betty Jane Mathews,
Lindsey Rushing & Tom Evans
Given by Betty Lee Marshall (*Building Fund*)

For: Tom Evans
Given by: Dan & Mona Warlick (*Building Fund*)
Elizabeth Dodson (*Saints' Brew*)
Margaret Anne & Jimmy Robbins (*Flower Guild*)

For: Drew Montgomery
Given by Peggy Dendy (*Saints' Brew*)

For: Dr. John Elliott
Given by Alice & Jim Gordon (*Saints' Brew*)

For: Maudine Jacobs, Eva Nell Brown,
Bob Maharrey, Donald Jackson, Dott Cannon,
Amber Rooney's Grandmother
Given by Betty Lee Marshall (*Building Fund*)

GIFTS TO SAINTS' BREW

Suzy Strain
First Presbyterian Youth

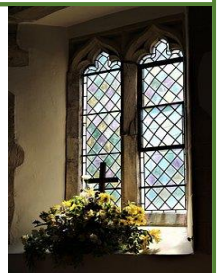
Many thanks to F.A.I.T.H. Food Pantry in Nettleton for their on-going contributions to Saints' Brew.

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

Love and Sympathy to...

Andy Atkins and family
on the death of his father,
Wallace Terrell Atkins.

"Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him."





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Return Service Requested

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.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES HAVE RESUMED!

Sundays at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. in the Nave with the following guidelines:

- We will not offer a nursery at this time. Children are welcome in the service.
- We will limit the size of the congregation to no more than 40 people, "first come, first enter" approach.
- Church doors will open at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Please check in with an Usher when you arrive.
- All needed materials will be in a bulletin. You are encouraged to bring your own BCP/ELW.
- We ask that you maintain six feet of distance while entering and exiting the building.
- Masks are required. We will have some available if needed. Hand sanitizer will be available.
- Physical contact outside of family groups will be discouraged during the passing of the Peace.
- We will have a fixed place for pledges, donations, and gifts. Plates will not be passed.
- Communion will be received in stations with only the wafer being distributed.
- The Celebrant will wear a mask during the distribution of communion and will use hand sanitizer.
- We will limit the number of communicants coming forward at one time to receive communion.
- There will be no congregational singing.
- We will dismiss in a manner that allows for appropriate distancing.
- The worship space will be cleaned after each service.
- There will be no in-person formation classes at this time.
- Services will continue to be live streamed through Facebook and the 10:45 service will be uploaded to YouTube.

May God continue to bless us as we explore new ways of being the Church. Please consider your brothers and sisters who are worshipping with you and love them by following safe practices.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 2020

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ACOLYTES		OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
ALTAR FLOWERS		DAN & MONA WARLICK	DAN & MONA WARLICK	DARCY STRICKLAND	RITA BLACKBURN
FLOWER GUILD		CAROL ALVIS	BUD NELSON		
ALTAR GUILD		CATHY SPARKS	PAT BOBO	CAROL ALVIS	JOELLEN MURPHREE
		BETTY LEE MARSHALL	SUSAN HYATT	KAREN ASBURY	ROBIN BRYAN
		CARRIE BARNES	VIRGINIA MATHEWS	AMANDA LAVENDER	DANA MAHARREY
		LISA GRAY	KAY TRAPP	KAMME RIDDLE	AMANDA MILLER
		DESTINI HESTER	VICKY VANCE	JO ANN WESTMORELAND	MARTHA SENTER
		MONA WARLICK			
INTERCESSORS	8:30 AM	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON
	10:45 AM	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON	BILLY WALTON
LECTORS	8:30 AM	MIKE FITZPATRICK	BRITT HESTER	TAMMY WOOLDRIDGE	CONNOR HARPER
	10:45 AM	ART CHAMBERS	STAN FURR	KEVIN PRIDMORE	MICHELLE HESTER
USHERS	8:30 AM	SYD LIMERICK	TOM ROBINSON	SYD LIMERICK	MIKE FITZPATRICK
	10:45 AM	WAYNE AVERETT	RICHARD PATE	TOMMY CALDWELL	CINDY RING