



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

April 17, 2024

Message From Thack

Driving down Government Street in Mobile the other day was a treat. The azaleas were in bloom and the explosion of color was a feast for the eyes! For the locals, the blooming azaleas probably did not garner that much attention. I can only assume that they're used to these dazzling spring displays. That said, it made me smile.

I've noticed that I pay more attention to the things around me, especially the ordinary things that I used to take for granted. I suspect my age has something to do with this. As the late Borden Morrow liked to say, I'm almost at that point in life where I'll be "cramming for the finals."

As I have aged, I've become more cognizant of the transience of life. So I am more present to every human encounter and situation. I don't want to miss anything.

To my delight I've come to realize in the course of everyday life there lies hidden beauty waiting to be discovered. Like treasures tucked away in the mundane, God's grace is evident the ordinary. Pause for a moment and behold the intricate details of a flower, the gentle rustle of leaves in the wind, or the laughter of a child. In these seemingly small moments, we catch a glimpse of the divine handiwork woven into the fabric of existence.

Just as Jesus found profound lessons in the simplicity of wheat fields and mustard seeds, we too can find depth in the ordinary. It's in the rhythm of our daily routines that we encounter God's presence most intimately. Whether it's sharing a meal with loved ones, offering a kind word to a stranger, or finding solace in the embrace of nature, God speaks to us through the ordinary.

Let's open our eyes to the beauty that surrounds us, embracing each moment as a gift from above. For in the ordinary, we find glimpses of eternity, reminders of the sacredness woven into the tapestry of life.

Peace, Thack

Family Promise update for the week of April 28th!

We're getting close to the time we will welcome families in the Family Promise program to St. Paul's for a weeks stay. Looks like we've had many of you already volunteer and Rhonda and I are so thankful to all of you for your support of this ministry. Unfortunately, we have not filled all the available spots yet and really need some additional volunteers for all three positions (cooks, evening and overnight hosts).

Also, based on some recent information from the FP headquarters, we are hoping to be able to have two people to stay overnight with the families for every night going forward.

If you will be preparing a meal, please reach out to Rhonda Jones and let her know what you plan to cook so we can avoid duplicate menus. Rhonda's number is 251-422-8017.

The sign up sheet for the week of April 28th is below. Just click the link and it will take to the sign up page.

If you have questions please contact Melissa Kielek at 251-408-2483 or Rhonda Jones at 251-422-8017.

- April 28 through May 5

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A4A728A7FE3-48448772-april>

- July 21 through July 28

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A4A728A7FE3-48448799-july>

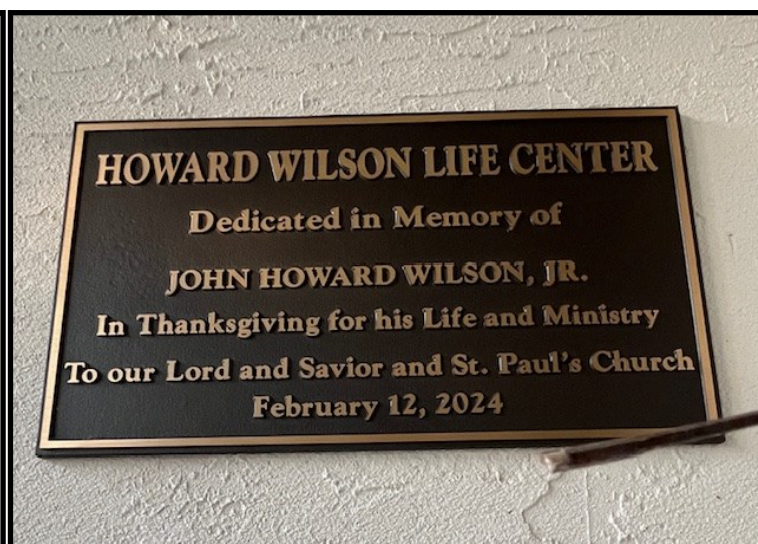
- October 13 through October 20

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44A4A728A7FE3-48448818-october>

Thank you for volunteering!!

Melissa Kielek and Rhonda Jones

*The next time you visit the
Howard Wilson Life Center
please take a look at the
beautiful dedication plaque.
It is on the left side wall
as you enter the glass doors.*





When I was a music education student at Concordia College, in Moorhead, Minnesota, a few years ago, I remember my vocal music instructor always telling me that singing is simply intensified speaking, and if we all just sang as we spoke, nearly anyone could sing.....and do it pretty well!

I found the following prayer, written by Dan Hearty from Northwood United Church, that reminded me of what my vocal instructor taught me. We take our speaking voice for granted and use it for communication every day, but forget that singing is only an extension of our speaking voice that can lift our soul and the souls of others to glorify God.

Dear Lord,

We meet here tonight with daytime voices, voices that have carried us through work or shopping or telephone time; voices that we take for granted. One of the reasons that we meet here is that in singing Your praises we are able to use those everyday voices for a loftier purpose. They are transformed from a conversational tool to an instrument that can raise our souls, that can free our spirits and bring us closer to You. We pray, Lord, that You might help us to feel the joy in music, the harmony that sums up Your love, and that in exploring a higher purpose for our voices we might know You better. All these things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Love to all,

John Matson

SECOND HALF OF LIFE

PrimeTimers

NEXT MEETING

April 22, 2024

EVERYBODY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

Do We Really Want This?

NOON - MALONE HALL

Bring Your Lunch!!!

Events at the Howard Wilson Life Center:

This was an exciting month at the Life Center. As many of you know, St. Paul's sponsors Scout Troop 82, both boys and girls; they meet on Sunday afternoons. This month was special, however, as on Sunday, April 7 we hosted the Troop 82 Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Around fifty people gathered in the gym to honor the Troop's most recent recipient of the Eagle Scout award.

If you are not familiar, Eagle Scout is the highest rank awarded to Scouts, and only comes after a great deal of effort. Since 1912, over 2 million young men have been awarded scouting's highest rank, but that only represents about 4 percent of all Scouts.

Duty to God, service to others, service to the community, and leadership are traits that are especially strong in Eagle Scouts. Eagles are statistically more likely to succeed in later life in leadership roles in business, church life, civic engagement and the like. The award requires Scouts earn merit badges in first aid, lifesaving, community service, citizenship, physical fitness, camping, personal management, family life, communication and much more! There are 21 required merit badges required, as well as elective merit badges and community service projects. It's not an easy thing to earn, and I think any young person who achieves at this level should be commended.

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to Troop 82's newest Eagle Scout, Jack Henry Robinson (who happens to be my next door neighbor!)

Of course all of our regular meetings, conferences, clubs, committees etc. are meeting at the Wilson Life Center. Our newest tenant is the District 23 AA group, which will begin regular meetings soon. I hope to have more details about this group to share soon.

Until then,

David Kielek, Sexton

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Howard Wilson Life Center

This is what an Eagle Scout Ceremony looks like.



Beckwith Sunday

April 28, 2024

Celebrate the ministry of Beckwith in your home parish



50+ years of "best week ever"

The campers are the heart strings of the Beckwith community! At Camp Beckwith, diocesan priests and young adult leaders collaborate in creating and sharing prayer, worship and play that provides a safe, spiritual context in which youth ask challenging questions about faith and God, seeking truth and love in relationship to God, about themselves, their communities and world. Kids find sanctuary, and spaces for cultivating self-hood, self-confidences in the soils that are rich with opportunities for building healthy, life giving, affirming relationships. Imagining a circle of compassion, with no one standing outside of that, the Beckwith community is focused on loving the Christ within each camper.

60+ years of holy hospitality

Hospitality for us at Beckwith means the creation of a space where the stranger can enter and become a friend. Hospitality is not meant to change people but to offer them space where change can take place. It is our goal to create space for comfort, growth and vulnerability. In a world of strangers we hope to offer a sacred space where life can be lived without fear and where community is strengthened. Living into our core values: providing holy hospitality, creating space for growth, and living together whole heartedly we anticipate the opportunity to serve you.

We invite you to God's front yard – come let us share with you the love of hospitality.

BayLights 2024 Sept. 27 – 29

Fun and Fellowship by the Bay
Activities for the entire family!

Friday night - cookout with entertainment

Saturday - all-day activities

- Bishop's BBQ

- Diocesan Ultreya

Saturday night - dinner & music

- Live Ticket Draw Down and Silent Auction

Sunday - Eucharist



Dear Saint Paul's family,

On behalf of the Flower Guild I want to thank all of you who contributed to the Easter Flowers. Our team worked very hard and did a great job preparing and arranging the flowers in the church. We try earnestly to reflect the love of Christ in the beauty of His creation with every arrangement. We appreciate the lovely comments from many of you and your encouragement. We are always thankful for your support.

If anyone is interested in learning how to work with flowers and possibly joining the Flower Guild ministry please call me. We would love to have you.

Sincerely, Rebecca Dyson



St. Paul's Thrift Shop Scholarships:

Your Thrift Shop is now accepting applications for three \$2,000.00 scholarships to be awarded Sunday, May 12, 2024. The Gerald and Rochelle Robison Scholarship will now be a part of the scholarships awarded by our Thrift Shop. Applications are available for pickup at the Thrift Shop, in the Church Narthex, or by sending an emailed request. Please note that application criteria are not totally based on grade point average. All applications must be received no later than April 21, 2024. No late applications will be considered. If you have any questions, please contact Arvis Leininger, Scholarship Chair, at 251-610-0992 or email awdabee@yahoo.com.

COME HUNGRY!!!

St. Peter's Bon Secour offers fantastic fish dinners from 5-7pm on the first Thursday of the month, May - September. The church van will depart from St. Paul's parking lot at 4:30pm and will pick up passengers from Westminster at 4:45pm. Please call the office to sign up, first come, first served for the 12 spots available in the van. Cost is \$12.00 per meal, cash only. A donation for gas is appreciated.

Call 251-626-2421

May 2, June 6, July 4, August 1, September 5





BINGO & SPAGHETTI DINNER APRIL 26 2024 at 6 pm

Gather up your family and friends and join others as we un-cap our **daubers** to welcome back **BINGO** in the Life Center on Friday night, April 26!

Come at 5:30 to choose a table, grab a drink, a dauber, buy your 11 game packet.

At 6pm enjoy a delicious \$5 **spaghetti dinner** (spaghetti, bread, salad, cake) YUM!

BINGO begins at 6:30pm, and after all 11 games and cash prizes played, ends by 8pm!

Spaghetti Dinner = \$5 BINGO (11 games) = \$20 Fellowship = PRICELESS

Cost of dinner and BINGO games to benefit St. Paul's LIFE Center ministries.

In 2023 the BINGO and Spaghetti Dinners together raised \$18,698 for the LIFE Center!!

THANK YOU! and keep daubing in 2024!!

2024 BINGO up-dates

BINGO the **fourth Friday** of every month,

April 26 May 24 June 28 July 26

August 23 September 27 October 25

(NO BINGO in November or December)

Gloria Dei Chorale

Presents

For the Beauty of the Earth



Sunday, April 21, 2024

St Paul's Episcopal Church

28788 N. Main Street

Daphne, Alabama 36526

3:00 P.M.

Little Flower Catholic Church

2053 Government Street

Mobile, Alabama 36606

7:00 P.M.

OR

All donations at the door will benefit Gloria Dei Chorale

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:

Sunday

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

Monday-Saturday

Morning Prayer
8:05 a.m.

Live Streamed on
St. Paul's Facebook page only

Sunday-Thursday

Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m.

Live Streamed on
Judith Comer's Facebook page only

Wednesday

Healing Service with
The Holy Eucharist
Wednesday
NOON

*Church Services are live-streamed
on our Facebook Page*

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday:
8:00 am -- 4:30 pm

Friday:
8:00 am -- 11:30 am

St. Paul's Thrift Shop

Tuesday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.

Donations Accepted
Thursday - Saturday
10:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m.
251-626-6102

St. Paul's Preschool

251-626-2774

BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
7:00 am

ZOOM Meeting only

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
10:30 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult

9:10 am
in Conference Room A

Youth

9:15 am
6th - 12th Grades
in the Underground

Children

9:15 am
K-5th Grades
in the Preschool

St. Paul's Vestry

2024-2026

Terms Ending

December 31, 2024

Edith Henry
Matthew Thomason
Sue Ann Turnipseed
Tom Walker, Sr. Warden

December 31, 2025

Michael Quinn
Cathy Slagle
Gaye Wilson
Tim Michael

December 31, 2026

Joe Cook, Jr. Warden
Judi Gullede
Liston Jones
Boyd Miller

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Martha Lathan
Clerk of the Vestry

Mike Sirmon
Treasurer

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The Rev. Thack H. Dyson
Rector
The Rev. John K. Talbert
Curate
The Rev. Judith Comer
Priest Associate

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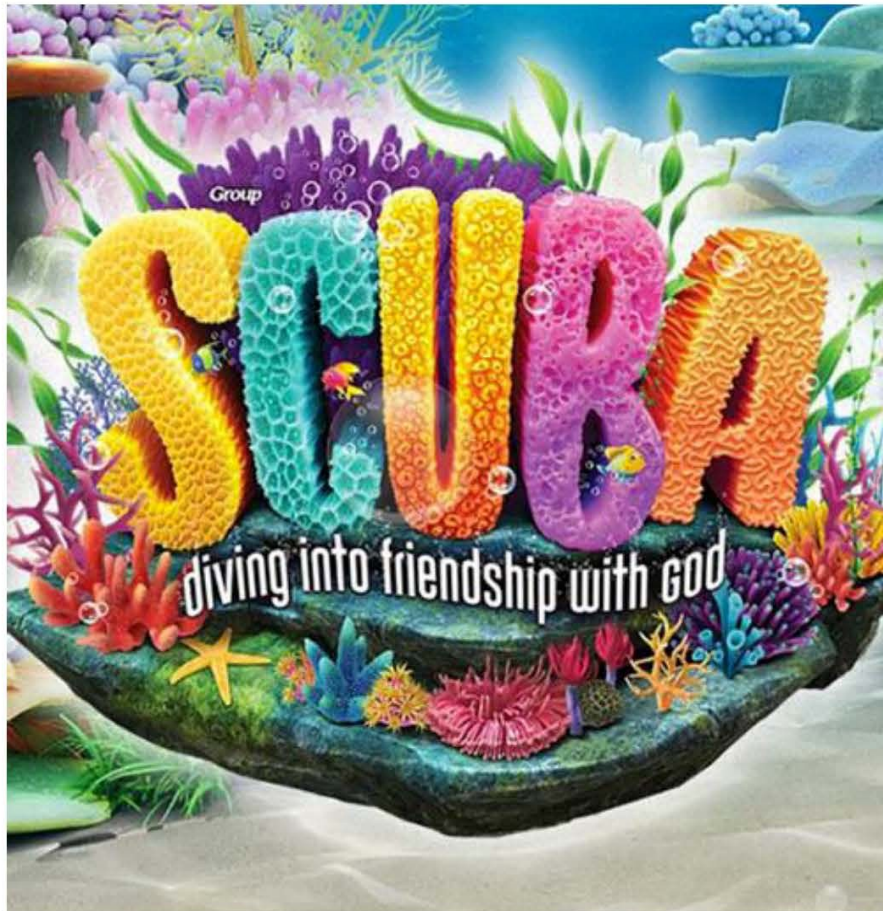
St. Paul's Eastern Shore

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251-626-2421

Church App

<https://tithely.app.link/st-pauls-eastern-shore>



St. Paul's Eastern Shore Vacation Bible School

June 3, 2024 — June 6, 2024

9:00am — 12:00pm (CDT)

28788 N Main St.
Daphne, AL 36526

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Register your child, or sign up to VOLUNTEER @ <https://vbspro.events/p/events/stpaulseasternshore>

(MAD Camp will be hosted on Sunday Afternoons in April and May leading up to VBS.
More details to come...)

Tracts Talk! The Bible: A book about us; A book about God

Have you read War and Peace, Don Quixote, or Les Miserables, cover to cover? Most haven't, because they're daunting, not only in length, but also in content. Everyone has heard of these books, and maybe feel they really ought to have read them. Does the Holy Bible fall into the same category?

Well, first of all, the Bible is not designed to be read cover to cover. It has many familiar passages as well as some you've probably never read or heard. For example, Exodus 25-37 describes in great detail how the Tabernacle and Ark are to be made and adorned. Numbers 16 tells us about Korah, Dathan and Abiram, who rose up against Moses. We are possibly most unfamiliar with the Old Testament, as we may feel that happened long ago and doesn't apply to us — aside from the Ten Commandments, some of the Psalms, and a few other tidbits.

This title of this pamphlet, *The Bible: A book about us; A book about God*, lets us know that the Bible is about **US**, all of us. The author states that if you believe in God, the book is about you, and if you don't believe in God, the book is about you. And it is. When you read some of the passages, especially in the Old Testament, you may think, oh, that was then. But if you look closely, you'll see that it's also about now.

In Sunday School, Thack is introducing us to Judges, and we learn a couple of lessons: 1) God doesn't pick the most obvious people to do his bidding; 2) The people are constantly forgetting to be faithful servants. This happens to us, here, every day. Having some instruction while reading the Bible is extremely helpful. For one, it may help you keep awake through some of the passages; and also you may find that the stories it tells can be interpreted in different ways.

The Bible: A book about us; A book about God encourages us to read the Bible with a good commentary, and especially, to read it. It is about us, and it is about God.

Vivian Silliman

MARCH 2024 FINANCIAL REPORT

Parish Finances at a glance:

MARCH Income: \$101,035.55

MARCH Paid Expenses: \$93,938.07

MARCH Total: \$7,097.48

Thank you for your generosity and support
to St. Paul's and our ministries!

Greetings from St. Paul's Youth!

We had a wonderful time celebrating Easter with the children at our annual Alleluia Easter Celebration. Thank you to all of the youth that helped hide eggs and facilitate the fun activities with our children.

We will be honoring our graduates on Sunday, April 29! If you have not already, please make sure to let me know all students graduating from high school and college. I need this information no later than April 18 to ensure we have signs made.

Sunday May 5 is confirmation and we have 4 sweet girls being confirmed that day.

Save the dates: Sunday April 28, we will be hosting Family Promise in Malone Hall. One of the Sundays at the end of May, we will have our end of the year, Sunday FUNday. Stay tuned for details.

We meet weekly for Sunday School at 9:15 in the underground and at 4:30 for youth.

Much love! Bonnie

RETIRED AND WANT TO WORK 2 TO 3 DAYS A WEEK?
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Must be able to move and lift heavy furniture. Shop hours are 10-3:00, Monday-Saturday.
Flexible schedule.

For more information call the Thrift Shop (251) 626-6102 and ask for Kathy or Paula.
WE NEED YOU!

The Thrift Shop invites you to visit our display in Malone Hall.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!



Adults, its that time of year again! VBS is scheduled for June 3-6, from 9-12pm and we are going to need your help! We will begin meeting on Sunday afternoons to prepare for VBS after Easter (dates tba), and we will also need group and station leaders to make the week possible! Please consider donating some of your time, especially the week of June 3-6, for this major community outreach program. It's a huge blessing to both the community and to those who serve!



Registration is also ongoing online and the link is on the stpaulseasternshore.com website!



We will not have MAD camp this year, but we will have the same learning and training opportunities on Sunday afternoons!



I hope you will consider joining us!



Elizabeth



Prayer Requests

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE NEED TO ADD OR REMOVE ANYONE

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Denise Adams, Dave Baldock, Hank Barron, Pam Carlson, David Chavers, Phyllis Cheney, Marlin Collier, Fletcher Comer, Deanna Cook, Becky Costlow, Vicki Curtis, Jo-Anne Crawford, Wayne Davis, Ann Dowling, Patrick Foster, Richard Foster, Sharon Hoiles, Wayne Gatlin, Laura Ann Gibson, Mary Ann Hampton, Joey Hankemeyer, Dave Johnson, Elizabeth Kaye, Shannon Kern, Larry Kinney, Beverly Koepp, Sherry Kwater, Kathleen Lalor, Mark Lammon, Gary Lathan, Erik Matson, Ann Miller, Donelle McBride, Herb McDonald, Bob McKnight, Tim McMahan, Kelly Meshejian, Ann Miller, Jo Moran, Marcie Morrow, Sonny Nichols, Mary Ann Peters, Bob Powell, Judy Reeves, Adell Rivers, Morgan Rosser, Marilyn Russell, Bob Sawyer, Marie Schreiner, Jayne Sharp, Jane Shoultz, Nick Shoultz, Becky Simpson, Brandon Smith, Vicki Thompson, Ken Wallis, Frieda Ward, Julia Warren, Elke Westmoreland, Kern Wilson, Mary Wilson

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marty Adams, Crystal Anderson, Allison Badurak, Betty Borroni, Dakota Burchett, Kit Caffey, Pat Cannon, Janice Clifford, Jim Clifford, Faith Cornett, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Suzanne Damour, Harry Cooper Dismukes, Sylvia Forbes, Dee Grantham, Terri Hare, Eddie Hill, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Shari & Linn Hyde, Alexander Kielek, Tracie Knight, Jim Lonnergan, Donelle McBride, Lou Morgan, Buddy Morrow, Sara Patton, Janet Penry, Mary Rudolf, Kem Rutledge, Stephanie Sanchez, Pat Schlimmer, Cathy Slagle, Albert Thompson

For the Departed: Martha B. Crosby

For Those Serving in the Military:

Bradley Billingsley, Graham B'Wade, Ryan Bowman, James Cassebaum, Matthew Cheatham, Chase Clark, Jackson Deaton, Josh Dedrickson, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Dan Eshed, Chris Evans, Deron Frailie, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Walker Jackson, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, Jackson May, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Holden Quinn, Madie Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Kaleb Sharpless, Michael Strohlein, Dan Strohlein, Brad Yonkers

For Those with Birthdays:

April 1-30: (01) Barbara James, (02) Nancy Ursprung, (04) Kit Caffey, Rosemary Bing, (05) Elizabeth Kaye, Caroline Jernigan, (06) Liam Brown, (07) Pascal Brousseau, David Baldock, Emma Grace McTaggart, (08) Alexandra Brousseau, Elizabeth Denham, (09) Merrilee Nestande, (10) Peggy Connell, (11) Will Alves, (12) Tim Turpen, (14) Clayton McGirl, Blaine Boone, Finn McDowell, (15) Traci Johnson, Jessica Walker, (17) Sophie Walker, Olivia Jernigan, (19) Jim Smith, (20) Richard Foster, (21) Michael Connell, Donald Denham (22) Aleta Dasinger, James Connell, Ward Faust, Felicity Briones, (23) Barbara South, Ken McNamara, Judith Comer, Alastair Henry, Edith Henry, (24) Kay Taylor, Ian Anderson, (25) Clara-Catherine McDonald, (26) Jamie Jernigan, (27) Tom Walker, Patricia Carter, (28) Ann Stone, Necie Borroni, Noah Dasinger, (29) Lloyd Gardner, Brad Hare

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Christopher Conger, *Organist*
Joan McKnight and Donna Brown, *Staff Assistants*
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We worship together as we seek God, serve God, and share God with love and acceptance for all.