



The Tentmaker

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Daphne, Alabama

August 5, 2020

Message from Thack

"The lotus trees cover it for shade; the willows of the wadi surround it." (Job 40:22).

Thanks to Covid-19 I have been unable to exercise at Planet Fitness for fear of the crowds not wearing masks. Consequently, since the beginning of the pandemic I have resumed walking in Lake Forest close to the church. The area closest to St. Paul's has some steep hills which provide good cardiovascular exercise. The one near the Loma Alta Towers is the best. My typical circuit allows me to climb that hill three times. That third ascent is particularly challenging when the heat index is hovering around 100 degrees.

I have walked in this neighborhood for almost nineteen years and I have learned to take advantage of the patches of shade along the way. These patches of shade offer temporary relief from the heat because the temperature beneath them drops roughly fifteen degrees.

Each shady patch is a blessing on a blistering hot day. In the matter of only a few seconds under the shade my energy is briefly restored to get me along to the next patch. This is particularly comforting as I walk up the hills. That's why I say to myself, "Lord, thank you for the shade" each time I'm under the sustaining cover of the branches.

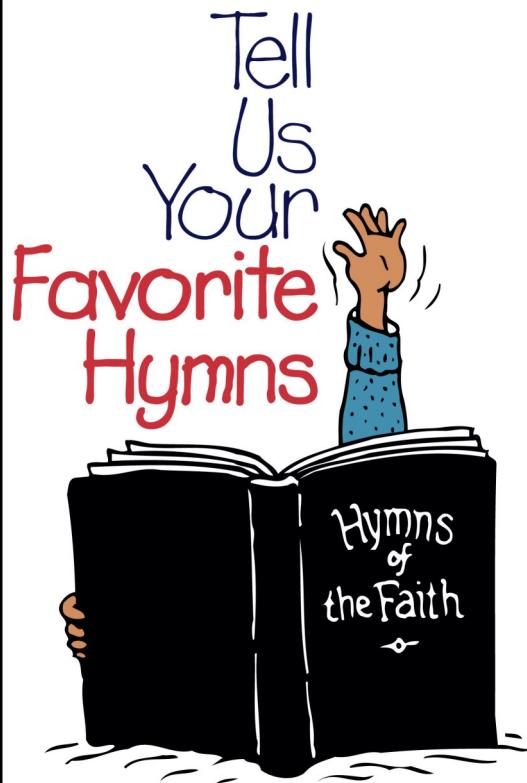
Shade is a great metaphor for a life of faith. Life can be a struggle and this can only be exacerbated by the heat of poor health, broken relationships, unfulfilled expectations, depression and financial worries. The Covid-19 crisis with its attendant health and economic consequences has ratcheted up the heat. That's why the shady patches of life are important. Personal and corporate worship, even our "corona-worship" via Facebook offer patches of shade for me. Conversations with family and friends offer patches as well. It's the "shady living" that restores and sustains me in the difficult times.

Look for the shady places in your life. As you experience those brief moments of relief, allow those moments to restore your soul. Then consider thanking the Lord for the shade.

Peace, Thack

Worship on Sunday, August 9

Those of you who worship virtually know we experienced technical difficulties last Sunday with our audio-visual equipment in the church. The audio-visual technicians and folks from Mediacom will be at St. Paul's next week to work out the bugs so we can resume virtual worship in the church. That said, we will not worship in the church this Sunday but in Malone Hall where the sound is better when videoing from a cellphone. Obviously, because of social distancing constraints it will not be live worship from Malone Hall. I apologize for any inconvenience this poses, especially for the folks who have joined us for worship in church over the last six weeks or so. Hopefully, last Sunday was our last major glitch and we should be worshiping from the church continuously beginning on Sunday, August 16. Thack



Favorite Hymns

If you have a favorite hymn(s) you would like to hear at one of our Sunday services, please email John Matson, choir director at alacoastm2005@gmail.com and give him the information.

Revised Common Lectionary

Track One



Lectionary for August

<u>August 2</u> 9 Pentecost Proper 13	<u>August 9</u> 10 Pentecost Proper 14	<u>August 16</u> 11 Pentecost Proper 15	<u>August 23</u> 12 Pentecost Proper 16	<u>August 30</u> 13 Pentecost Proper 17
Genesis 32:22-31	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Genesis 45:1-15	Exodus 1:8-2:10	Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 17:1-7, 16	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Psalm 133	Psalm 124	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 9:1-5	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15:[10-20]21-28	Matthew 16:13-20	Matthew 16:21-28

Parish Nurse News
Donna Nolte MSN, CCRN

I hope this writing finds you all safe and well. As everyone knows, COVID has found our corner of the world and is hitting it hard. Our daily case counts in Baldwin County are around a 100 per day. Over 50% of the TOTAL cases for the county have occurred in the last two weeks.

The hospitalizations are steadily increasing as well. The picture in our county two weeks ago was more of the younger population (age 18 -35) testing positive but not requiring hospitalization. Now, 2 weeks later, it's clear that many of these younger people infected older friends and family members and we are seeing a tremendous increase in hospital admissions county-wide including a significant increase in ICU care.

On masks – I know there are lots of opinions out there on masks. As our knowledge of the virus has grown over the last few months, it has been clear that face coverings offer significant protection...primarily to others but a fair degree of self-protection is achieved if the mask is worn correctly.

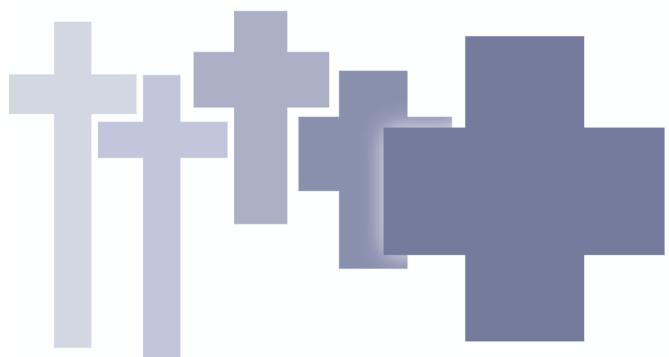
- ⇒ Make sure there are minimal gaps around the cheeks
- ⇒ Make sure it covers your nose AND your chin
- ⇒ Try not to touch the outside of the mask – if it needs adjusting on your face, reach beneath the mask under your chin to adjust.
- ⇒ Wash cloth masks frequently

Again, social distancing and face coverings are our only real protections until a vaccine is available. If you are out in public, please do not hesitate to ask someone to step back if you feel they are too close. Let's all hold each other accountable in Christian love to wear face coverings anywhere in public.

Lastly, put a small bottle of hand sanitizer in your pocket. Use it every single time you touch something that doesn't belong to you – primarily doors and handrails.

I pray daily for the safety of St. Paul's parishioners and our community. I ask that you keep the frontline healthcare providers in your prayers.

Stay safe everyone –
Donna



Parish Nurse

AUGUST SERVERS SCHEDULE

VERGERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
Verger	Susan Hurst	Live Streamed only	Susan Hurst	Susan Hurst	Susan Hurst
<u>10:30 am</u>					
Verger	Janet Norman	Live Streamed only	Avos Stickney	Janet Norman	Donna Nolte

LECTOR SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
Scripture	Bill Carr	Live Streamed only	Vivian Silliman	John Strange	Elizabeth Thomason
Prayers	Bill Carr	Live Streamed only	Sarah Beth Walker	Megrez Rudolf	Martha Lathan
<u>10:30 am</u>					
Scripture	Adriene Laporte	Live Streamed only	Christa Spencer	Donna Nolte	Sue Ann Turnipseed
Prayers	Vonnie Foreman	Live Streamed only	Alice Gordon	Jim Gordon	Shelley Haga

CRUCIFER/SERVER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
Crucifer/Server	Colton Bridges	Live Streamed only	Adams Jackson	Aiden Walker	Colton Bridges
<u>10:30 am</u>					
Crucifer/Server	Jack Taylor	Live Streamed only	Andrew Erdman	Susannah Jackson	Ford Turnipseed

USHER'S SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
Ushers	Tina Erickson Davis Daniels	Live Streamed only	Brad Hare Matt Thomason	David Kielek Dave Johnson	Tim Michael Jim Jackson
<u>10:30 am</u>					
Ushers	Tom Walker Michael Taylor	Live Streamed only	Dean Mosher Coleman Wood	Michael Koepp Donna Brown	Tom Walker Donna Brown

VESTRY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

<u>8:00 am</u>	<u>August 2</u>	<u>August 9</u>	<u>August 16</u>	<u>August 23</u>	<u>August 30</u>
Vestry	Kathy Mallory	Live Streamed only	Kathy Mallory	Joe Cook	Kathy Mallory
<u>10:30 am</u>					
Vestry	Donna Nolte	Live Streamed only	Michael Quinn	Donna Nolte	Henry Esham



Ring to the Glory of God

In the early 1900's
this bell rang atop a
Gulf, Mobile, and Ohio Railroad
locomotive. Donated in 1973 by
Hermon Elmo Warren to
St. Paul's Church,
then located at College Avenue and
3rd, Daphne,
and moved here to our
new parish location in 1978.



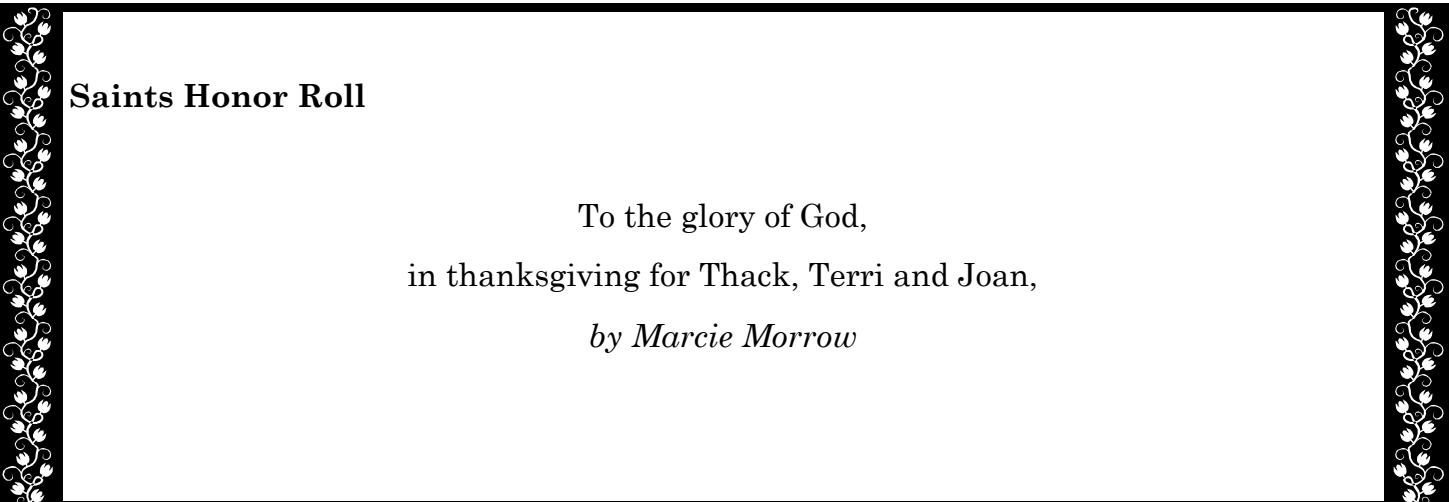


Last year, St. Paul's hosted Smita Singh to speak at our September 4th, 2019 Great Wednesday. She was an energetic human who fought against sex exploitation and trafficking in her home country of India, running two group homes and working tirelessly to rescue victims of this crime. She appreciated greatly the interest and financial donations St. Paul's gave to support her efforts. Unfortunately, Smita succumbed to Covid-19, passing away on July 15th. We can all feel fortunate to have been exposed to her wisdom and caring nature, and please pray for the continuation of her efforts beyond this loss.

United Thank offering

If anyone wishes to donate to the UTO and they do not want to come out, please mail your donations to Megrez Rudolf: 457 Oak Ave, Fairhope, AL 36532. You can also call Megrez at 251-554-7774 and she will make arrangements to pick up any offerings. Please leave me a message and I will return your call. The UTO basket will remain in the Narthex at St. Paul's. I will at that time send your donations to the Diocesan Office.

Thank you all for your generosity during this trying and crazy time.



St. Paul's Thrift Shop Update...

The excitement is starting to grow. The Thrift Shop addition is quickly becoming a reality and the doors will soon be open. When we have the grand opening, we hope our parishioners will come and visit the new furniture show room. Plus, it will soon be time for the fall changeover and big sales will be happening. Stay tuned for the dates of the sale. Also a reminder that we are accepting donations each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. We also schedule pick up times for large pieces of furniture. Please don't forget us when you are redoing your furniture and decor.

A newsy update from Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast:

This past week the participants and staff of EFGC bid ALOHA to summer with a 14-car Hawaiian themed drive-by parade – thanks to volunteers from National Charity League! This was the end of a 6-week summer program for middle/high schoolers who joined year-round participants for “covid-revised” activities! Everyone had fun saying good-bye to summer staff and middle/high schoolers wearing colorful leis, karaoke, dancing under the limbo stick, movies, pizza, pineapple dessert and mock pina coladas!!

This year, as for everyone else, Exceptional Foundation has been greatly impacted by the corona-virus pandemic – meaning no in-person gatherings for weekly activities, or EFGC’s important annual fundraiser EXCEPTIONAL ARTS 2020! However, during months of closure the incredible EF staff “upped their game” by offering participants daily planned activities via zoom, providing important and valuable social connections! Thanks to activities such as: cooking, art, exercise, BINGO (yes you can do that on zoom!), yoga, music, even joke-of-the-day chat time - everyone stayed connected socially and emotionally and looked forward to important routines each day!

In early June Director Jennifer Flad and the EFGC Board, with advice and authorizations from Church, medical personnel, the State and caregivers, made the decision to re-open with a plan in mid-June. EF hired a cleaning company to completely disinfect and sterilize the entire Life Center from top to bottom! The staff, with guidance from medical and legal sources, developed a plan to prepare the space and materials for participants to safely return – with temperature checks at the door, face coverings at all times, hand-washing breaks, and no volunteers, caregivers or visitors allowed in the building. These protocols allowed the summer program to proceed – even though “covid-revised” activities meant no field trips, swimming, sports or the usual group activities – everyone was happy to be together and see one another – even with proper social distancing!! So far everything has worked and everyone is healthy as the EF staff keeps busy tracking, wiping down and sanitizing all surfaces to allow that to be so!!

While it has been an *exceptional* time for everyone, rigid procedures continue to be followed that allow those all-important social and emotional connections to happen for participants, staff and caregivers - whether attending in-person or at a “zoom” distance – because the importance of friendships and predictable routines provide that firm foundation we all need to enjoy life!

Another big thing that happened at EF in June is that Candice Dodson, the Program Director who has been with EF since it’s beginning in October of 2011, resigned to pursue other opportunities. Candice started with 8 participants and developed a program for adults with special needs and their families to include: planned interactive activities, community involvement, loyal and dedicated volunteers, Special Olympic sports, hiring and training of staff, constant communication, laughter and support in all areas causing the participants to name EFGC their “HAPPY PLACE”. Today, nine years later, EF has nearly 118 participants!! Candice was key in working with the Director and staff to establish a “covid-plan” that put in place procedures for re-opening in June, allowing the summer program to be successful while maintaining the goals and mission of EFGC! We wish Candice well in her new adventures and know she will always be welcomed by friends at the Exceptional Foundation Gulf Coast!

This is a long “newsy” update but much is going on in our *exceptional* world and I wanted everyone to know that EFGC is well ... and hope that each of you reading this are also well, and continue to be healthy and happy each morning the sun gives us a new day!
(submitted by Linda McNamara)

THREE-PART SERIES WITH DR. CATHERINE MEEKS

Led by Dr. Catherine Meeks, we will dive deeper into our "Learn - Pray - Act" commitment by exploring systemic, institutional, and personal racism, and learn what we can do to dismantle it. Breakout sessions for further conversation will be facilitated by members of the Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation.

Using the four quadrants of the Becoming Beloved Community curriculum used by the Episcopal Church (Telling the Truth, Proclaiming the Dream, Practicing the Way, Repairing the Breach), we will continue our long view work to address exigent circumstances in our society.

Sessions will be held via Zoom from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm.
For the fullest experience, we recommend you attend each session as the content will build upon itself. Registration required for each session.



Dr. Catherine Meeks
Executive Director of the Absalom Jones
Episcopal Center for Racial Healing

REGISTER AT WWW.DIOCGC.ORG/EVENT-REGISTRATION

AUG
12

TRUTH

We will support diocesan and local convening of public **TRUTH** telling, confession of racial violence and oppression, and explore ways in which society, our church, our institutions have been complicit.

AUG
19

HEALING

We will seek to accelerate local and regional efforts for reconciliation and **HEALING**, especially via anti-racism and racial healing training and formation.

AUG
26

JUSTICE

We will equip local leaders with resources for racial **JUSTICE** action and repair, particularly focusing on reimagining policing, criminal justice reform, and the racially disparate impact of the pandemic on persons of color.

Sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation
www.diocgc.org/racial-justice-and-reconciliation

Prayer Requests

Immediate Prayer Requests:

Skip Albee, Evelyn Brantley, Donna Brown, Shellie Chaix, Willie Chaix, Sunmee Comer, Rip Cox, Jonathan Doyle, Ray Hamilton, Terri Hare, Toni Henry, Sarah Catherine Jeffus, Wayne Jones, Tracie Knight, Beverly Koepf, Carolyn Lambeth, Laura Little, Guy Lott, Carolyn Magruder, Joshua Magruder, John McClendon, Pat McKeown, Jeanette Middleton, Shannon Millette, Lance Monley, Elizabeth Reed, Judy Reeves, JoAnn Riley, Elton Ruffin, Bob Rutherford, Bob Savage, Sheila Schreiner, Becky Spann, Phyllis Springen, Barry Taylor, Rucker Taylor, Tim Tirey, Frieda Ward, George Warren, Richard Wellington, John Wilson, Brian Zorman, Rick Zwickey

Ongoing Prayer Requests:

Marty Adams, Dave Baldock, Christopher Blackwell, Christopher Bridges, Pat Brislin, Marsha Butler, Pat Cannon, Jim Council, Margie Cowart, Margaret Cummins, Suzanne Damour, Puddy Dyson, Dee Grantham, David Grey, Carol Hafner, Wanda Hall, Susan Hill, Jossie Hurst, Leslie Johnson, Theresa Johnson, Geoff Jones, Alexander Kielek, Drew Lathan, David Lee, Patrick Lynch, Bob McKnight, Ken McNamara, Doug Montgomery, Ross Moore, Lou Morgan, Buddy Morrow, Elsie Mosher, Sara Patton, Al Rawls, Rochelle Robinson, Mary Rudolf, Zera Roussel, Stephanie Sanchez, Bennie Savage, Pat Schlimmer, Nick Shoultz, Cathy Slagle, D'ana Snow, Albert Thompson, Julia Warren

For the Departed: Dalton DeFilippi, Carol Sharp, Smita Singh

For Those Serving in the Military: Crew of the USS Roosevelt

Ryan Bowman, Matthew Cheatham, Chase Clark, Jackson Deaton, Michael Duchesne, Christopher Dukarm, Chris Evans, Diana Evans, Landis Fouts, Deron Frailie, Steven Grey, Matthew Harris, Rusty Henry, Karen Hubley, Daniel James, Matt Jones, Shane Kennedy, Daniel Lambert, Chris Lessard, David McMillan, Patrick Mong, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, Justin Ramsey, Neil Sevelius, Derek Siegel, Andy Tuttle, Brad Yonkers

For those with Birthdays:

August 1-31: (01) Crystal Anderson, (02) Bill Cody, (03) Elizabeth Manci, Benjamin Kalra, (05) Kathy Lovell, (06) David Lee, Terri McMillan, Sarah Hinote, (07) Lee Keel, Alice Gordon, Erin Hendricks, Anna Quinn, (09) Glenn Boom, Patricia Glover, (10) Ken Hendricks, Taylor Williams, (11) Jackie Brettel, Jayne Chaix, Sandy Davenport, Lila Sharp, (12) Carol Lambert, Frieda Ward, Gabe Dyson, (13) Pam White, (14) Clay Rankin, Patrick Lynch, Leslie Esham, Adam Simpson, (15) Marty Ollinger, (16) Deborah Baldock, Judi Gullede, (17) Lea Verneuille, (18) Drew Lathan, Melanie Powell, Aiden Walker, (19) Kristina McKenna, (20) Marie Schreiner, (21) Sally Clark, Judy Hale, (22) Ray Hamilton, Sid Jackson, David Chavers, Will Kiser, Adriene LaPorte, (23) Jim Green, (24) Scotti Dixon, Eric Smith, (26) Margaret White, Alan Talamo, Adam Holbein, (27) Art Holbein, (28) Baba Hendricks, (29) Bobby Acosta, Liz Ray, (30) Reid Poe, (31) Lauren Erdman, Olen Calhoun

COMMUNICATION

During these unique times,
we are trying very hard to keep you in the **LOOP** as to
what's happening at St. Paul's.

Here are the ways we are reaching out to you:

1. Church App.

If you would like to put it on your smart phone call
or email the office and we will send you the link.

2. Eblasts

Eblasts are our electronic newsletters we send out on a regular
basis to keep you updated on parish activities. If you are not receiving them
please call the office to be added to the distribution list.

3. Church Website

www.stpaulseasternshore.com

4. Facebook Page

St. Paul's Eastern Shore

5. Tentmaker Newsletter

Mailed out twice a month.

It is also posted on the website and sent in Eblasts.

Of course you can call or
email the office
anytime!

As requested here are different ways to send contributions to the church:

1. Text the word **GIVE** to 844-973-2352.
2. There is a **DONATE button** on the church website.
3. The **GIVING** icon on the church app. (The painting of Airrior at her sweets stand)
3. **Drop-off box** right outside of the office door.
4. **Mail** it to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 28788 North Main Street, Daphne, Alabama 36526.
5. **Bill Pay** through your bank.

ST. PAUL'S SERVICES:**Sunday**

Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
10:30 am

**Live and Live Streamed
(Must wear Face mask)**

Monday-Saturday

Morning Prayer
8:05 a.m.

Live Streamed Only

Wednesday

Healing Prayers
Wednesday
NOON

Live Streamed Only

Church Office Hours**Monday-Thursday:**

8:00 am -- 4:30 pm

Friday:

8:00 am -- 11:30 am

St. Paul's Thrift Shop

251-626-6102

St. Paul's Preschool

251-626-2774

BIBLE STUDIES**Sunday**

Christian Education
Adults (Malone Hall)
9:15 am

ZOOM Meeting Only

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study
(Malone Hall)
6:00 am

ZOOM Meeting Only

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study
(Malone)
10:30 am

**VESTRY AND
OFFICERS****Term Ending**

December 31, 2020

Bill Harrison, Sr. Warden
Liston Jones
Boyd Miller
Donna Nolte

December 31, 2021

Donna Brown
Kathy Mallory
Ken McNamara
Michael Quinn

December 31, 2022

Joe Cook, Jr. Warden
Henry Esham
Jim Green
Tim Michael
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Martha Lathan,
Clerk of the Vestry

Janet Norman
Treasurer

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Tina Erickson, Youth Leader

Elizabeth Faust, Christian Education & Preschool Administrator

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John Matson, Choirmaster

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*We worship together as we seek God, serve God,
and share God with love and acceptance for all.*