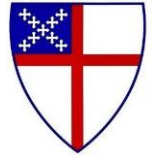


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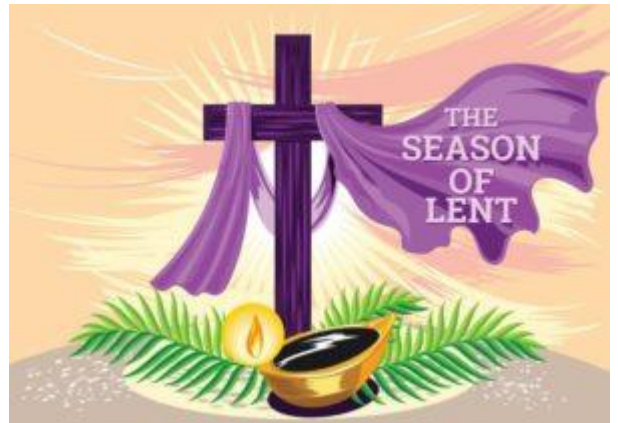
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Lenten Offerings

- **February 21 – Shrove Tuesday**
Red Beans and Rice supper with music and King Cake in the Parish Hall at 5:30
- **February 22 – Ash Wednesday**
12:00 p.m. - Imposition of Ashes, in the chapel
5:30 p.m. - Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist, in the church
- **Month of March – Sunday 9:15 - 10:00 a.m.**
Join us for a study of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem.
Led by George Hazard and Dawn Barham.
- **Wednesdays in Lent (after Ash Wednesday) – 12:00 p.m.**
Weekly service with speakers, followed by a simple soup meal.



February Outreach

Our Outreach this month is for **Helping Hands**. Please help fill our shopping cart with items from this list:

- Vienna sausage
- Potted meat
- Corned beef hash
- Beef stew
- Chicken and dumplings
- Spam
- Canned chicken
- Canned tuna
- Chili
- Regular size peanut butter
- Saltine crackers
- Snack crackers (example: peanut butter or cheese-filled 6-pack)



Please place your contributions in the shopping cart in the hallway outside the church office.

From The Rev. Deacon Pam Rhea

February, with its cold, dreary days, brings on its breezes, little whispers of opportunity. Our Sunday school classes and breakfast Sundays resume. You might notice a few changes in our liturgical responsibilities as we add new acolytes and give the congregation the opportunity to lead the Prayers of the people. I encourage you to sign up for liturgical roles through our Sign-Up Genius link or by contacting the church office. This month issues in our Lenten period on the 22nd with Ash Wednesday, preceded of course by a Shrove Tuesday Red Beans and Rice Supper.

For a short month, we have a lot of good things going on. Our parish is strong. We have a dedicated search committee. Volunteers continue all their duties with enthusiasm. Our music program enriches our worship and brings us joy as we praise our Lord. A growing number of children in the parish reenergizes us all and keeps us on our toes. Our vestry and wardens keep us safe. We have so many reasons to be thankful.

Our delegation to the Annual Council in Natchez represented St. Paul's very well. Lindsay Clemons sang in the Council choir. Tyler McShan carried our beautiful celebration banner in the procession. John Davis serves as Trustee of the Diocese and spoke at council concerning the budget. I was privileged to serve on the Bishop's Address committee and helped compose a response to our Bishop's very poignant speech. I was inspired to follow his recommendation for all churches to cherish their history, all of it, even the parts we often leave out. To that end, I will be working toward recording an oral history from our members, as well as scheduling some intergenerational events in the following months.

I thank you all for allowing me to serve as Deacon-in-Charge. I pray our time together will be fruitful and one of spiritual growth. I encourage you all to join, try, or create something new during this interim period. Let your ministries flourish. Seek counsel and give it when needed. Feed your souls. And please let me know how I can help you. That's why I am here.

Pam

From the Sr. Warden

A nursery rhyme I learned as a child goes like this, “Here is the church. Here is the steeple. Open up the doors and see all the people.” So now, you would take your hands and face them together with your index fingers meeting and pointing up as the steeple and your thumbs crossed as the doors. When you open your thumbs and turn your hands up, you see all the people.

We have so many people that give their time, talents, and treasures to our church, Thank You for your support and commitment; it means so much to so many. Many Thanks to Marian Hazard, Sr. Warden, ex officio for her tireless efforts to serve the church in leading, rebuilding and growing our church during a period of Covid and time of transition in our search for a new priest. Thank You, Pam Rhea, for agreeing to serve as Deacon in Charge and leading our Christian Education as well as the many other duties and services you’re doing. Our Church has made many improvements and updates. As part of the kitchen renovation, a new refrigerator, freezer, stove, and oven have been installed. The carpet in the Parish Hall, offices, and school has been replaced, and more improvements are coming. Please read the report from Quinn Brislin, Jr Warden, on the list of projects completed and those in progress. There is still much to be done. The repairs from the lightning damage to the steeple of the bell tower and many of the electrical systems and our organ are progressing.

In our annual meeting we passed an amendment on the number of vestry members, elected new Vestry Members, and received reports from the different committees and Guilds. Our annual budget and prior year actual results were presented and reviewed. Our search committee Co-Chairs, Martha Kirkley and Will Sanders, are working with the diocese and our committee in the process of selecting a new priest. Please take some time, say a prayer, and complete the survey. It is online and easy to do with the Survey link: <https://bit.ly/3HxKyY8> Your comments and answers will help to guide our search for a priest. Yes, your input does make a difference, so take some time to fill out the survey. If you prefer a paper copy, the church office will be glad to send you a copy call 662-328-6673 or email officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com.

So back to the nursery rhyme and a tweak by Ashley Masters where she suggests, “Here is the church. Here is the steeple. Let’s open the doors and **Welcome** all the people.”

Praise be to God!

Peace be with You,

Tom Whitaker, Sr Warden

From the Outgoing Sr. Warden

Dear St. Paul's,

I write to thank you all for your trust in putting me in a position of guidance and protection for our church. It was a journey of challenges, of creating, of disappointment, of amazing support, new energy and Thanksgiving for our Deacon-in-charge, Pam Rhea. My thanks and appreciation for Ronnie, Lori, Ellen, our choir, and outreach committees, our SPES Director, school teachers, and school board.

My son had a terrible accident in early September, clearing land of dead trees on his family's property; he was propelled 15' in the air landing on his left foot, splitting tibia and destroying his ankle. (He is fine and has made an amazing recovery, still ongoing). His sons, ages 8 and 5 with him, kept asking, "Are you dead yet?" He, thankfully, is recovering. I, no longer your Sr. Warden, submit this last post though and am happy to be "not dead yet".

Tom Whitaker, new Sr. Warden, Quinn Brislin, and Vestry lead us on. Martha Kirkley and Will Sanders are on top of our Search Committee. PLEASE REPLY ONLINE and give them your support.

With love and appreciation,

Marian Hazard, ex officio

Our Supply Priest

Name: The Rev. Dr. George Rambow

Title: Episcopal Chaplain to Mississippi State University/Assistant Priest at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection



Originally from Houston, TX, Father George received his BA in music from the University of North Texas in Denton, TX. After graduating and while working as a music director at a church in Denton, he met and married his wife Emily. George and Emily then moved to Argentina, where they served as missionaries for four years. After returning to the United States, they moved to Princeton, NJ, where George earned both his MDiv and his PhD (in the history of Christianity) at Princeton Theological Seminary. Before moving to Starkville, George worked as a research specialist at Princeton University and held teaching assistantships at both Princeton Seminary and Princeton University. In addition, after his ordination to the priesthood, he served for several months as Assistant Priest at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Princeton. He loves both the Church and the academy and delights not only in serving in both spheres, but also in building bridges between the two. George and Emily have two daughters.

February Worship Service Schedule



| | | | |
|---------|-----------|--------|---------------------|
| Feb. 5 | 8:00a.m. | Church | Holy Eucharist* |
| Feb. 5 | 10:30a.m. | Church | Holy Eucharist* |
| Feb. 12 | 8:00a.m. | Church | Morning Prayer |
| Feb. 12 | 10:30a.m. | Church | Morning Prayer |
| Feb. 19 | 8:00a.m. | Church | Holy Eucharist |
| Feb. 19 | 10:30a.m. | Church | Holy Eucharist |
| Feb. 22 | 12:00p.m. | Chapel | Imposition of Ashes |
| Feb. 22 | 5:30p.m. | Church | Holy Eucharist* |
| Feb. 26 | 8:00a.m. | Church | Holy Eucharist* |
| Feb. 26 | 10:30a.m. | Church | Holy Eucharist* |

*Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Our guest celebrant for Feb. 19, is The Rev. Dr. George Rambow
Deacon Rhea will lead all other services

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 318 College Street, Columbus, MS

Join Us for Sunday School

9:15 - 10:00am

Pre-school and Elementary children will study lessons following the lectionary.

Youth grades 6-12 will continue their study of World Religions February 5, 19, 26

Adults will discuss the lectionary readings
Feb 5, 19, 26

A study of Benjamin Britten's War Requiem, one of the most powerful statements in music about war and the pity of war, will begin on March 5. This study is open to Adults and Youth and will be led by George Hazard and Dawn Barham.



A HUGE Thank You to **Marian Hazard** for serving as Senior Warden and for her willingness to continue to serve in an ex officio capacity. Thank you to our outgoing vestry members: **Jennifer Brady, Lindsay Clemons, John Hardy, Taylor Smith, and Karen Frye.**

Church Survey

If you have not yet taken the survey sent out by the search committee, please click on the link below to be taken to the survey. Remember: The surveys are completely anonymous! Your input is greatly appreciated as we begin the search for a new rector.

Contact **Martha Kirkley or Will Sanders**, search committee co-chairs, with any questions.

Survey link: <https://bit.ly/3HxKyY8>

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am—Eucharist

10:30 pm— Eucharist

All services are recorded and may be found online at

<https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/Sermons/sermons.html>

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8:00—4:30 M—F

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Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs **30 - 35** packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. There is an **urgent need** for **Vegetable Beef Soup and Minestrone Soup**. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need. To volunteer, contact Ann Sparkman at **662.328.2133**.

St. Paul's serving days are **February 8 and 13**.

St. Paul's served **604** lunches during January.



Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee would like to thank the following members for their willingness to serve for the next three years: Tom Whitaker, senior warden; John Davis, Becky Scott, and Ralph Winton, vestry. John Brady will fill the remaining year of Karen Frye's term. These members were voted into office at the Annual Meeting held in January.

St. Paul's Monthly Breakfast

Our next parish breakfast will be held **Sunday, February 12**. There is a sign-up sheet in the loggia.

Lenten Lunches

Lenten Lunches will return in March. We need volunteers \ \! Contact the church office or Deacon Pam with questions.

Men's Group

Our Men's Group needs hosts for the next meeting, which will be held in **March 2023**. Details to follow. Please contact Will Sanders or Quinn Brislin with any questions.

March Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the March edition of the newsletter is February 26, 2023. Please email your information to officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com.

February Observances

Birthdays

| | |
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| 1 | Adelaide Henderson |
| 2 | Martha Gillis |
| 6 | Beth Proffitt |
| 8 | Audrey Clay |
| 9 | Willis Puckett |
| 11 | Holley McShan |
| 12 | Brenda Caradine |
| | Jameson Mauck |
| | Tate Scott |
| 14 | Cleatus Doyle |
| 15 | Thomas Scott |
| 17 | Clif Scott |
| | John Davis Clark |
| 19 | Hollis Fenstermacher |
| 21 | Ellie Dawson |
| 22 | Ronald Foster |
| 23 | Kate Sanders |
| 24 | Ty McShan |
| | Brittany Legg |
| 25 | Arthur Dawson |
| | Casey Mastley |
| | Christy West |

Anniversaries

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| 7 | Jim and Emily Pryor |
| 9 | Doyle and Mary Ellen Sumrall |
| 23 | Mark and Charlotte Hardy |



Intercessions

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| Steve and Marion McEwen | Don Callaway | Myra Rowzee |
| Addie Hamm | Doug Phillips and family | Marquita Kirk and Yvonne Sanders |
| Ruth Berry | Jean Floore | Vernon Gregory |
| The Brady Family | Pat Jones Kinder | Teen Stallworth deRoode |
| Pam Sams | Axel Durr | John Simpson |
| Sue Hunt | Family of Colby Waldon | Matt and Alice Parker |
| Tommy Tate | Lynne Rosamond | Rusty Holleman |
| Randy Jones | Chip Billups | Patsy McDaniel |
| David and Sarah Lee | Rose Loftis | Bruce Howell |
| The W.B. and Hazel Russell Family | The Kemp Family | Juanita Trimuel |
| Joe Smith and Family | Peggy Gentry | Wink Wright |
| Doug Crowe | Richard Thomas | Kim Sanders |
| Mary Clopton | John David Hardy | Nancy Smith |
| Dalana Chandler and family | Jacob Davis | Mallory Caissie |
| Carole Moss | Jan Ballard | Allison Whitaker |
| Brittani Devore | Beth Rice | Eddie Mauck |
| David Pridmore | Samantha Turner | Eugene Blaine and Family |
| Herb Blakeney | Paulette Frank | Jamie McCollum |
| Dave White and family | Linda Horn | Martha |
| Sherri Fairley and family | Kevin Alexander | James and Ann Masinelli |
| Ann and Jesse Sparkman | Linda G. | Jeana L. Whitacre |
| Katharine McClanahan | Tammie Damron Dolan family | John Barron |
| Harriet and Cleatus Doyel | Faye Tabor | Lee Ann Dorn |
| Carmen and BJ Montgomery | Betty Lou Jones | Brenda Caradine |
| Dan Waldrop | Mollie Hamblin | Nursing Home Residents: |
| Sue Monesmith | Carole Knie | Trey Atkins |
| Taylor Fields and family | Kevin Hogan | |
| Eric Niebuhr | Sandra Mims | |



Please join us at a Fundraiser for the
Historic Margaret Munroe Crypt Restoration

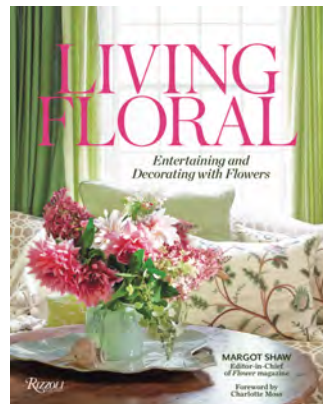
Hosted by The Columbus Garden Club

March 21, 1:30 P.M. at Annunciation Church
823 College St, Columbus, Mississippi

Featuring Margot Shaw, Founder/Editor-in-Chief of *Flower* magazine

\$25 Tax Deductible Donation

Margot Shaw is a much sought-after speaker whose passion is the artistry and inspiration involved in floral design. Her book, *Living Floral*, will be available for purchase. Be sure to check out her wonderful website www.flowermag.com.



Your \$25 check may be mailed to Munroe Crypt Fund, C/O Columbus Cultural Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 789, Columbus, MS 39703. Credit cards are accepted through Columbus-Lowndes Convention & Visitors Bureau. Tickets available at the door.

Contact margotoledano@gmail.com or call/text [228.860.8449](tel:228.860.8449) for more information.



February 2023

| Sun. | Mon. | Tue. | Wed. | Thu. | Fri. | Sat. |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Services at 8:00 and 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Services at 8:00 and 10:30 Breakfast 9:00 No Sunday School | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 Services at 8:00 and 10:30 with The Rev. Dr. George Rambow Sunday School 9:15 | 20 | 21 Shrove Tuesday 5:30 - Red Beans & Rice dinner | 22 Ash Wednesday 12:00 - Imposition of Ashes 5:30 - Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 Services at 8:00 and 10:30 Sunday School 9:15 | 27 | 28 | | | | |
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MARCH

A Lenten Service followed by a light lunch will be held at noon each Wednesday in March.
War Requiem study begins March 5.