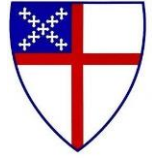


Grace to You and Peace

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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April Outreach



To help those in Rolling Fork, Silver City, Amory, and Wren, who sustained significant losses in the recent tornado, we will be collecting Walmart gift cards of any amount. Please bring them to the church office as soon as possible. We will forward them to points of contact in each area.

More Disaster Relief Information

The Episcopal Church in Rolling Fork, Mississippi, was severely damaged in the recent tornado. All twenty of the families who worship there experienced great loss or damage.

Other towns in Mississippi that experienced devastating loss included Silver City, Amory, and Wren. Our disaster relief coordinator for the diocese is The Rev. Deacon Cathy Halford, and she sends these instructions:

- To do hands-on work for tornado damage, please sign up on the website Mississippi VOAD (Voluntary Organization Active in Disasters). However, more information will be sent out when the town opens up for work.
<https://www.mississippivoad.org/>
- You may collect Walmart gift cards or send donations to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund on the website (dioms.org).

Cathy will keep us updated through the clergy list serve as well as the diocesan website.

We ask you also to keep all those who were affected, as well as all responders, in your prayers daily. Our bishop offers the following:

Lord Christ, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely places: Grant that your presence and power may be known at this time in Rolling Fork, Amory, Silver City, and all other areas suffering from the ravages of the storms. Bless those who died, soothe those who suffer, give rest to the weary, and give hope and strength to all during the recovery effort for your love's sake. Amen.

The Rt. Rev. Brian R. Seage is the Bishop of Mississippi

Reflection from Deacon Pam

Easter is almost here! Growing up going to church in a different denomination, Easter Sunday meant wearing a new dress to church (and gloves and purse and shoes and hat), having a big family “dinner” after church, and hunting real dyed eggs with my cousins in the backyard. Our church had never heard of Maundy Thursday, made a slight note of Good Friday, and didn’t make much use of Hallelujah on Easter Sunday but substituted a few extra-loud AMENs during the sermon. It was a special day and one we all enjoyed.

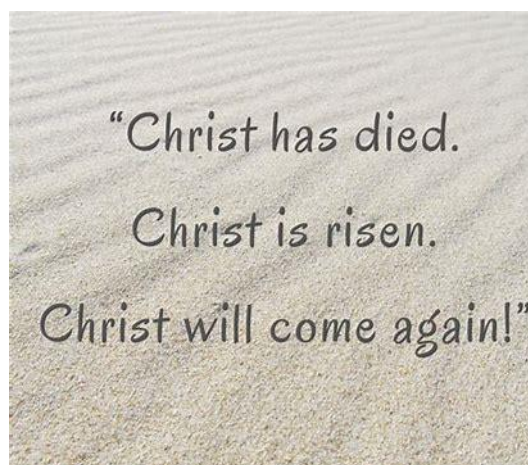
In the Episcopal church, we do things a lot differently. There is a Palm Sunday Processional which takes us from the Courtyard into the church and then leads us into Holy Week. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday mark the last three days of Jesus’s life on this earth and together are called the Triduum. On Easter Sunday we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with loud, stored away, Alleluias, colorful flowers on the crosses, first communions, loud AMENs, and hymns of praise and glory to the God who created us and gives us eternal life. The children will flower our outside cross and have their egg hunt between services.

I think it is important that we do not isolate Easter Sunday as a celebration unto itself, but experience the fullness of its meaning by fully participating in Holy Week and the entire Triduum as much as we can. The tears we may shed during the stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday, or as the bell tolls in the spiritual darkness of Good Friday, can be dried only by the sunrise (sonrise) of Easter Sunday, giving us rebirth, renewal, and the greatest hope for the future of our church, our community, and our world.

A lot has changed through the years, but one thing remains constant; “For God so loved the world, that he sent his only begotten son, that all who believe in him, should not perish, but have eternal life.” And that is what makes every Sunday throughout the year, a little Easter. As Christians, we are resurrection people because we believe those words and these of the Eucharistic prayer, “Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.” Thanks be to God!

Peace,

Deacon Pam



HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 2 – Palm Sunday

- Services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am
- 10:30 am service will meet in the courtyard to process into the church

April 6 – Maundy Thursday

- Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm in the church

April 7 – Good Friday

- Good Friday Liturgy at 12:05 pm in the church

April 9 – Easter Sunday

- Easter Services – Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am in the church



April Worship Service Schedule



Apr. 2	8:00a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist
Apr. 2	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist
Apr. 6	6:30p.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Apr. 7	12:05p.m.	Church	Good Friday Liturgy
Apr. 9	8:00a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Apr. 9	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist
Apr. 16	8:00a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer
Apr. 16	10:30a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer
Apr. 23	8:00am	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Apr. 23	10:30am	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Apr. 30	8:00am	Church	Holy Eucharist*
Apr. 30	10:30am	Church	Holy Eucharist*

*Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

Our guest celebrant for Apr. 2 and 9 (10:30) is The Rev. Dr. George Rambow
Deacon Rhea will lead all other services

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



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Easter

EGG HUNT

Sunday, April 9th

9:15 AM

**JOIN US ON EASTER
MORNING FOR AN EGG
HUNT, EASTER STORY &
LIGHT SNACK.**

Don't forget your basket!



FLOWERING THE CROSS



Easter Sunday, April 9

*Children bring fresh cut flowers from your yard
to flower our outside cross. After church, take
your family photo in front of the cross.*

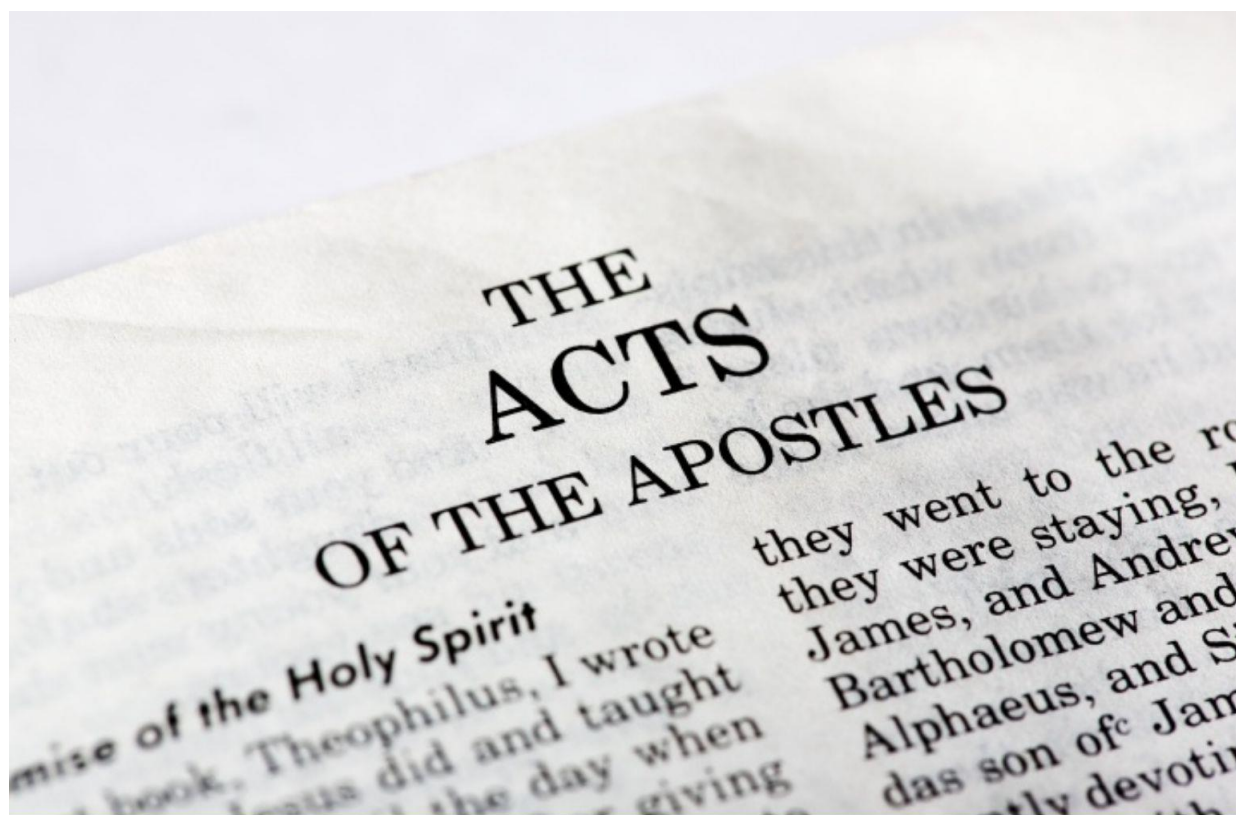
It's a St. Paul's tradition.

holy communion instruction for children march 29 and april 5 4:00p.m.

The Episcopal Church teaches that all baptized may take communion, no matter their age. This Communion instruction teaches children about the sacrament of Holy Eucharist and their participation in it, in discussions as well as hands-on activities. All children are invited to participate.



Contact
Deacon Pam
to register.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Beginning April 19 at 5:30

Join Deacon Pam for an in-depth look at the beginnings of Christianity and its spread throughout the Roman Empire.

This class will cover the entire book of Acts in a series of classes ending May 24, just in time for Pentecost.

All you have to do is read your Bible!

"THE POET THINKS ABOUT THE DONKEY"



On the outskirts of Jerusalem
the donkey waited.
Not especially brave, or filled with understanding,
he stood and waited.

*How horses, turned out into the meadow,
leap with delight!
How doves, released from their cages,
clatter away, splashed with sunlight.*

But the donkey, tied to a tree as usual, waited.
Then he let himself be led away.
Then he let the stranger mount.

Never had he seen such crowds!
And I wonder if he at all imagined what was to
happen.
Still, he was what he had always been: small, dark,
obedient.

I hope, finally, he felt brave.
I hope, finally, he loved the man who rode so lightly
upon him,
as he lifted one dusty hoof and stepped, as he had
to, forward.

+ Mary Oliver

SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

8:00 am — Eucharist

10:30 am — Eucharist

All services are recorded and may be
found online at

[https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/
Sermons/sermons.html](https://stpaulscolumbus.dioms.org/Sermons/sermons.html)

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Parish News

Loaves and Fishes

Loaves and Fishes needs 35 - 40 packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. Please donate packages of vegetable beef, potato, and tortilla soup along with individual serving sizes of applesauce and fruit cups. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need.

St. Paul's serving days are **April 10 and 12**.



Search Committee Update

The search committee invites everyone to assist with updates to our website and our online profile. Please send photos and 10-second videos of classes, people, and events.

stpaulsrectorsearch2023@gmail.com

Easter Flowers

To contribute toward the church flowers for Easter, please email the church office with names of those you want honored or remembered. Please note *Easter flowers* on the memo line of your check.

The deadline is **Wednesday, April 5, at 5 p.m.**

Graduation

If you have a graduating senior in your family (high school or college), please contact the church office. Graduates will be honored next month during a special service.

St. Paul's Monthly Breakfast

Our next parish breakfast will be held **Sunday, April 2, between the two services**. Sunday School will **NOT** meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW)

Our reorganizational meeting held on March 29 was very well attended! Thanks to all who came out to bring back ECW. Many thanks also to Chase Hazard, who hosted the gathering at her home.

Men's Group

Our March meeting, Taco Tuesday, was a huge success! Thanks to all who attended. Our next meeting will be held in May. We will be looking for hosts to provide the main course; attendees will provide sides and drinks. Watch your email for more information.

May Newsletter

The deadline for submissions for the April edition of the newsletter is **April 22, 2023**. Please email your information to

officeadmin@stpaulscolumbus.com.

April Observances

Birthdays

3	Katherine Kerby B.J. Montgomery
4	Sally McShan
5	Macaulay Whitaker
6	Sunny Whitaker
8	Katie Windham
9	Savannah Kirk
12	Doug Crowe
13	India Yarborough
15	Steve Pieschel
16	Shaula Hailey Tiffany Killian Ryan Munson
17	Breland Starr
18	Bobby Harper
21	Janice Mauck
23	Keith Miles
24	Laura Sundman
30	Heather Hanes

Anniversaries

4	Michael and Tracey Duckworth
6	Chance and Gail Laws
11	Bobby and Jo Harper
12	Kenny and Karen Frye
16	John and Carol Crowell
23	Reynolds and Karoyl McCain
24	Will and Ginny Sanders
25	Robert and Macaulay Whitaker
29	Sid and Brenda Caradine



Intercessions

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



It's Coming...

May Lunch!!

May 3, 2023

When asked to help, please say
YES!!

More details coming soon.



Interested in EFM?

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique four-year distance learning certificate program in theological education based upon small-group study and practice.

The program invites participants into small, mentored groups that provide the framework for understanding life and shaping actions as Christian faith is deepened. EfM seminar groups meet in local settings and online, and provide a four-year curriculum that develops a theologically informed, reflective, and articulate laity.

If you are interested in having this program return to St. Paul's in the future, please email

deaconrhea@gmail.com





Teacher of the Month

Our teacher of the month is Hanna Caldwell. Hanna is a student at Mississippi University for Women, majoring in Secondary Education. She is the lead teacher in the three-year-old class. Hanna enjoys doting on the children and watching their faces light up while she teaches.

