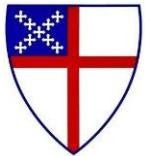


Grace to You and Peace

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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May Outreach

For May, Let's stock our food pantry with items for children:

- Juice boxes
- Individual applesauce & fruit cups
- Individual cheez-its & pretzels
- Microwavable mac and cheese
- Peanut butter & crackers

Please leave your donations in the cart beside the office.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The May Luncheon may have worn us out physically, but the great joy it brought will carry us forward for many, many days. People working together, side-by-side, in small and large groups always creates a liveliness that can only be attributed to the presence of The Holy Spirit. Today, we are praising God for the opportunities of fellowship, productivity, and success the luncheon brings every year.

Our steering committee (Marian Hazard, Bridget Pieschel, Pat Curtis, and Gina Thompson) did a fabulous job coordinating this event. All who contributed in any way are very much appreciated. For those whose work obligations or health restrictions kept you from being here, we know you were with us in spirit.

As I visited each station, I had flashes of memories of luncheons of long ago and those who had gone before us- the hundreds of hands who had mixed the salad, stuffed the eggs, chopped the celery, cooked the barbecue, packaged the to-go orders, poured tea in the dining room, and worked together for the good of the church in dozens of ways. I know their section of the Great Cloud of Witnesses was watching over us as our work honored their legacy. Speaking of legacies, I treated myself to a Davis Patty Plate after it was all over. Ask someone about it sometime.

I ask you all to take just a moment today to say a quick prayer of thanksgiving to the God who made us and gave us this work to do. To God's glory and the spread of God's Kingdom, our hearts and hands were given. We are St. Paul's and we love it here!

Peace,
Pam

May Worship Service Schedule

May 4	5:30p.m.	Chapel	Evening Prayer
May 7	8:00a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
May 7	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
May 14	8:00a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
May 14	10:30a.m.	Church	Holy Eucharist*
May 21	8:00a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer
May 21	10:30a.m.	Church	Morning Prayer
May 28	8:00am	Church	Holy Eucharist*
May 28	10:30am	Church	Holy Eucharist*

*Holy Communion from Reserved Sacrament

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



Join us for

Men's Group

It's
Italian!!

MAY 18, 2023

5:30 PM

509 7TH ST S
COLUMBUS

Hosted by
James Hazard & John Brady

For more information, call or text James:
662.574.2577

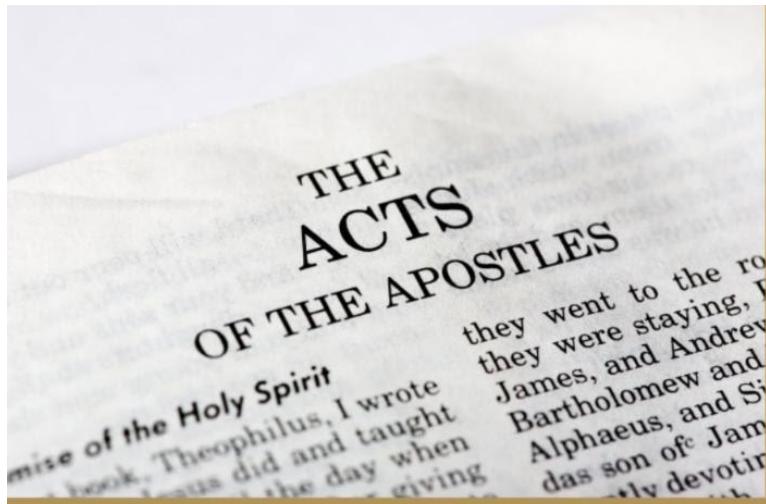


Loaves and Fishes needs 30 - 35 packages of Bear Creek Soup to serve one meal. There is an urgent need for Vegetable Beef Soup and Minestrone Soup. Your assistance is needed as we continue our mission to help feed those in need. Volunteers from St. Paul's served **557** meals in April. St. Paul's serving days are **May 8 and 10**.

To volunteer, contact Ann Sparkman at **662.328.2133**.

For more information about Loaves and Fishes:

<https://www.loavesandfishesoflowndescounty.com/>



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

Wednesday Night Bible Study Beginning April 19 at 5:30 p.m.

April 19 | Introduction

Overview of main theme and purpose

April 26 | Acts 1 – 7

The Church in Jerusalem

May 10 | Acts 8 – 12

The Church in Judea and Samaria

May 17 | Acts 13 – 20

Paul's Mission to the Mediterranean World

May 24 | Acts 21 – 28

Paul's Arrest, Trials and Journey to Rome

Prayer Shawl Ministry will have an organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 10:00am

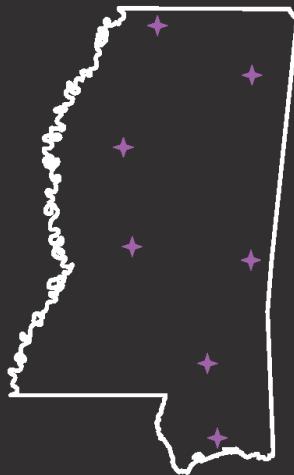
Bring your current project to work on while we talk. We'll go over the prayer shawl instructions and set a regular date and time to meet. Please invite your friends to join us.

Contact Deacon Pam
if you have any
questions.

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Diocesan Listening Sessions



Hattiesburg - Wednesday, May 17, 5:30 PM
Episcopal Church of the Ascension

Gulfport - Thursday, May 18, 6:00 PM
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Meridian - Sunday, May 21, 12:00 PM
Episcopal Church of the Mediator

Tupelo - Wednesday, May 24, 5:30 PM
All Saints Episcopal Church

Greenwood - Wednesday, May 31, 6:00 PM
Episcopal Church of the Nativity

Southaven - Thursday, June 1, 5:30 PM
St. Timothy's Episcopal Church

Ridgeland - Sunday, June 4, 3:00 PM
St. Columb's Episcopal Church



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Your Voice Matters

The Search Committee for the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Mississippi wants to hear from you!

Over the next month, the Committee is hosting seven listening sessions and distributing an online survey across the Diocese for all Episcopalians. The survey and sessions serve as opportunities for members to share their stories and experiences of being distinctly Episcopalian in the State of Mississippi, as well as your hopes for the next chapter of our Diocesan ministry.

Sessions will take place on Wednesday, May 17, at 5:30 PM, at Church of the Ascension, **Hattiesburg**; Thursday, May 18, at 6:00 PM, at St. Mark's, **Gulfport**; Sunday, May 21 at 12:00 PM, at Mediator, **Meridian** (A lunch will be provided); Wednesday, May 24, at 5:30 PM, at All Saints, **Tupelo** (A potluck supper will be offered); Wednesday, May 31, at 6:00 PM, at Church of the Nativity, **Greenwood**; Thursday, June 1, at 5:30 PM at St. Timothy's, **Southaven**; and Sunday, June 4, at 3:00 PM at St. Columb's, **Ridgeland** (This session will also be streamed and moderated on Facebook live). Separate listening sessions for the Clergy and Allin House Staff are also taking place this month.

In addition to the listening session, the Search Committee encourages all members of the Diocese to take a moment and complete the Diocesan Profile Survey. You can find the survey and Listening Session registration on our website, www.msbishopsearch.com.

The Committee knows this work cannot flourish without your prayers, support, and input. Joining together, we will find our next Bishop!

Parish News

Search Committee Update

The search committee has been hard at work on the new Church Profile. It is being finalized and will be presented to the Vestry for approval. It will then be submitted to the Bishop. Once approved, the profile and the job posting will be placed on Episcopal News Services.

Pentecost Picnic

Our Pentecost Picnic is scheduled for May 28 after the 10:30 service. Watch for an email from Deacon Pam with more information.

Preschool News

Preschool Graduation will be held on May 18 at 6:30 in the Parish Hall.

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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May Observances

Birthdays

1 John Hardy
Dade Whitaker

2 Bill Cox

3 Benjamin Thaler

4 Carol Crowell

5 Emily Pryor

6 Quinn Brislin
Clyde Rhea

8 Martha Kirkley
Nora Ruth Scott

9 Jennifer Beneke

13 Elizabeth Bell

18 Collier Hardy
James Hazard
Liam Sanders

19 Helen Pridmore

22 Matthias Hanes

24 Wortley Cole
Susan Jones

25 Mary Anne Hardy

26 Leigh Yarborough

28 Baker Imes

31 Winston Mauck

Anniversaries

1 Steve and Bridget Pieschel

14 Ken and Bethea Smith

17 Simon and Savannah Thaler
David and Gina Thompson

20 Chad and Elizabeth Bell

28 Brad and Jodie Mauck

29 Jeremy and Karen Clay



Intersessions

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

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