

Good News from St. John's

May 2022

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MISSION STATEMENT: With God's help we seek to share our love, fellowship, charity and faith with all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Ascension Day

The celebration of the Ascension of Jesus marks the transition from Easter to Pentecost, 40 days after Easter, always on a Thursday. This year the date is May 19, 2022.

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68. Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection to instruct them how to carry out his teachings, and told them He would always be with them and promised them the gift of the Holy Spirit. On the 40th day, he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Jesus' return to heaven that we celebrate on Ascension Day signifies a change in how we think of him; now at the right hand of the Father. Yet the blessings and benefits of his physical departure from earth also mean that we understand the Holy Spirit in a new way as Companion and Guide through whatever we may face.

So, where are WE on our journey from Jesus' Resurrection to his Ascension and beyond? Are we still gazing up at the cloud, or have we learned to move on from this glorious event to its implications for our mission in the world? How do we spend our energies, post-Ascension, working on the mandate that Jesus gave us to love the world and to bring it to him?

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend the Southeast Convocation Ascension Day service on Thursday May 19, 2022 at 6 pm. At Ascension Church in Neodesha. I plan to go and can take several others.

Mother Sharon

St, John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Meeting
March 14, 2022

Present: Carrie Tierney, Karla Cox Verlyn Bolinger, Bess StoneBolinger , Martha Stone, Candy Scarborough, Jupe Allen and Mother Sharon.

Development:

Gospel Based Disciples included a reading from Mark 3:7-19.

Treasurer's Report:

The transaction and budget reports were reviewed. The report was approved.

Old Business:

We are providing lunch for the Holy Week lunch on Wednesday. We are partnering with the First Christian Church.

New Business:

We had a request from PMA to provide supplies for Crisis Care Kits to be sent to Ukraine. The request originated from Jake Blankenship, pastor at First Nazarene Church. It was on behalf of Convoy of Hope. We were unable to meet the tight timeline and had to decline.

Jane Connolly presented an interesting plan to provide goods, such as clothing, furniture and appliances, to low-income persons in exchange for working at any of a variety of employment opportunities. The idea was forwarded to Outreach for further study.

A request from Altar guild to repurpose and refurbish a built-in cabinet in the old sacristy was considered. A bid to do the work seemed excessive. More discussion will follow.

A thank you note from Labette Assistance for items donated was received.

Assessment:

Minutes from the February 15, 2022, meeting were approved.

Vicar's Report: I took Ashes and Communion to Peggy Doty at Good Sam on Ash Wednesday. Lynn Reeves has been moved to Good Sam, Room 313.

I am delivering the message at the Holy Week community service on Wednesday.

I plan to attend the General Convention in Baltimore in July.

Wardens:

Senior: No report.

Junior: No report.

Discernment:

Worship & Music: Meeting next week.

Outreach: Packing snacks on March 20 for the last time this year.

Evangelism: No report.

Communications: No report.

Education: Children's: No report.

Adult: The first Lenten Study went well.

Stewardship: No report.

Planned Giving: No report.

Buildings & Grounds: TLC will come and replace plants lost and trim bushes in mid-April.

Altar Guild: No report.

Endowment: Balance as of 2-28-2022 was unavailable

ECW: No report.

Next meeting, Monday April 11, 2022, at 5:30.

A prayer by Mother Sharon concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jupe Allen,
Clerk



Treasurer Report

Verlyn W. Bolinger Jr.
Treasurer of St. John’s Episcopal Church



Prayer List

Teresa, Jim, Harry, Gina, Gloria, Ethan, Janie, Kelly, Wuanita, Jeffrey, Boo, Jane, Regina, Bretten, Richard, Carolyn, Lynn, Dwayne, Doris, Alan, Kay, Lorrie, Addlee, Jon, Josh, Vickie, Randy, Tommey, Keyandria, Bill, John & family, Special needs children their families and caregivers, Les, Mark, Priscilla, Jennifer, Jaden, Kelle, Michelle, Barb and the Wulf family, Keith, Lu, Olive, Matthew, Lakin, Trevor, Lora, Lincoln, Jennifer, those with and those recovering from Covid-19 and their families, churches in the Southeast Convocation in their call to mission, all clergy in the Southeast Convocation especially, Dick, and David, BKSM students, dispatchers and first responders, the men & women serving our country here and abroad, and those who have served.

Those who have died:



May Birthdays

6 Wuanita Tanner
15 Verlyn Bolinger, Sr.
17 Alex Meister
25 Brian Baker
31 Dennis Condon



May Anniversaries:

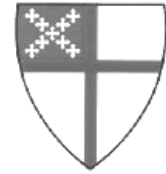
29 Dennis & Daria Condon

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 The Third Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer and Sunday School 9:30 am	2	3	4	5 Mother in office 1-5	6 Mother's day off	7
8 The Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion 9:30 am	9 Vestry dinner meeting 5:30 pm	10	11	12 Mother in office 3-5	13 Mother's day off	14
15 The Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	16	17	18	19 Mother in office 1-5 Worship & Music 5:30 pm	20 Mother's day off	21
22 The Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	23 Newsletter Deadline	24	25	26 Mother in office 1-5	27 Mother's day off	28
29 The Seventh Sunday of Pentecost Holy Communion & Sunday School 9:30 am	30	31				

St. John's May 2022 schedule

	Morning Prayer 05/01/2022	05/8/2022	05/15/2022	05/22/2022	5/29/2022
Officiant	Verlyn Bolinger	Mother Sharon	Bishop Cathleen Bascom	Mother Sharon	Mother Sharon
Lector	Jupe Allen	Patti Vernacchia	Jill Chambers	Alice Miller	Daria Condon
Eucharistic Minister		Candy Scarborough	Joe Stone	Verlyn Bolinger	Martha Stone
Acolytes	Ava	Karla	Karla, Verlyn Elsa, Zoe	Alex, Verlyn	Sidni Verlyn, Zoe, Brody
Greeters	David Bamburger & Tom Tanner	Frank & Patty Vernacchia	Candy Scarborough	Tierneys	Alice Miller
Coffee Hour	Tom & Wuanita Tanner	LT, Carrie, Ava & Zoe Tierney	ECW Bishop Cathleen visit	ECW Alex Meister Reception	Candy Scarborough
Counters	Vestry Members				
Altar Guild	Daria Condon				