

October 2023

Sundays

8:00a.m.	H.E. Rite I
9:15a.m.	Adult Christian Education
10:30a.m.	H.E. Rite II

Wednesdays

10:30a.m.	Healing Service
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Coming Up

Oct. 1	Choir Meeting	9:15am
Oct. 2	Search Committee Meeting	5:30pm
Oct. 2	St. Elizabeth's Guild	12:00pm
Oct. 7	Men's Club	8:00am
Oct. 7	Blessing of the Animals	10:00am
Oct. 10	Book Club	10:00am
Oct. 13	Lifeline Screening	
Oct. 13	Oktoberfest	6:00pm
Oct. 18	Vestry	6:00pm
Oct. 28	TRCC	3-5:00pm

TO SERVE CHRIST IN ALL CREATION

(excerpts and adaptations of A Pastoral Letter from the Episcopal Bishops of New England)

In thanksgiving for the gift of God's creation and with an urgent concern for the health and stewardship of the world, we your bishops issue this Pastoral Letter on the Environment. We know that the environmental crisis is a matter of great concern to many Episcopalians and we know that many of you have acted more fully and more faithfully than we ourselves have. We confess our past complacency, ignorance and neglect. We regret Christian teachings that claim or imply that human beings have divine sanction to destroy God's creation. We pledge our prayers, our time, our leadership and our energies to the work that needs to be done. We encourage all members of the Episcopal Church to see in the promises of the Baptismal Covenant the call to serve Christ in all creation.

Scripture and tradition remind us that the whole earth is filled with the glory of God. We perceive that glory in wild forests and open fields, in clear lakes and rocky seashores, in mountains, dunes, and rolling hills. With Martin Luther, we know that "God writes the Gospel, not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and the flowers and the clouds and stars." With Thomas Aquinas, we affirm that "Revelation comes in two volumes - the Bible and nature." The world is God's creation, and God delights in it ("God saw everything that [God] had made, and indeed, it was very good," Genesis 1:31; "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows [God's] handiwork," Psalm 19:1). The land and the rivers, the air and the sea belong to God, not to human beings ("The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it," Psalm 24:1). We are part of the created order, not separate from it, and our first calling by God is to be the caretakers of creation (Genesis 2:4b-8, 15). Reckless destruction of nature is a sign of estrangement from God. ("There is . . . no knowledge of God in the land . . . Therefore, the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing," Hosea 4:1b, 3; "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea nor the trees," Revelation 7:3).

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God's earth and all God's creatures now face perilous and potentially cataclysmic changes as a direct result of human activities. Lest we experience despair, lest we feel the hopeless conviction that it is too late to change anything, too late to turn this around, we must root ourselves in the deepest convictions of our faith. We put our trust in a God who loves every inch of creation and whose covenant with Creation can never be broken ("I will . . . remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth," Genesis 9:16). As brothers and sisters in Christ, we commit ourselves and we urge every Episcopalian in every parish and diocese:

- To act together to honor the goodness and sacredness of God's creation;
- To acknowledge the urgency of the planetary crisis in which we now find ourselves;
- To pray and take action to restore a right relationship between humankind and creation;
- To lift up prayers in personal and public worship for environmental justice, human rights, and sustainable development;
- To repent of greed and waste, and to seek simplicity of life;
- To commit ourselves to energy conservation and the use of clean, renewable sources of energy;
- To reduce, reuse, and recycle, and as far as possible to buy products from recycled materials;
- To realize that, through participation in community, public policy, and business decision-making, we have corporate as well as individual opportunities to practice environmental stewardship and justice;
- To seek to understand and uproot the political, social, and economic causes of environmental abuse.

Who will believe the church's declaration that "God so loved the world" (John 3:16) if we ourselves do not? By committing ourselves to join with others in protecting the integrity of God's creation, we are living out the promises of our baptism and participating in God's mission to restore all people and all creation to unity with God and each other in Christ.

Maintaining the Kingdom!

Our Junior Warden, Tommy Parker, continues to do a yeoman's job in "maintaining the Kingdom!" You will notice a lot of repairs and improvements throughout the facilities. Work will begin soon on repairing the ceiling in the outside walkway into the parish hall and office. Work should begin soon on etching of the labyrinth. Other projects that have been completed or underway include major cleaning of all floors and carpets in the church (the preschool wing has already been completed), mulching of the playground, reinstallation of the preschool playground unit that was removed several years ago and reimagining the playground sand boxes that are no longer used. Others have been busy cleaning the kitchen, the alley way between the kitchen and preschool rooms, the choir room, and the old Sunday school room. We will also be "recreating" a children's chapel in the back of the parish hall. Thanks to all who have stepped up to make all these projects possible!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Farmworker's Ministry Mission! We had enough supplies to fill up a truck and SUV! Thank you to Tony Inscore, Jay Hunter, Blake Tharin, and Tommy Woodard for loading it all up and driving it to the Episcopal Farmworker's Ministry.



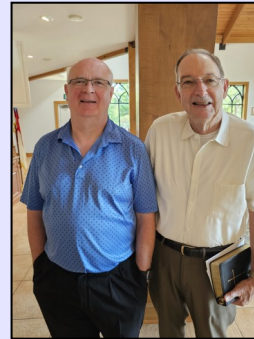
80 Years Young!
Happy Birthday Marie!



St. Andrew's Book Club



Food Pantry Packing





2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 a.m. HE Rite I Pack backpack food bags 9:15 a.m. Adult Ed 9:15 am Choir Meeting 10:30 a.m. HE Rite II Rev. Adele Hatfield	2 St. Elizabeth's Guild 12-1 p.m. TRAC 6:30-9:00 p.m.	3 Food Pantry 9-11 a.m.	4 Food Pantry 9-10:30 a.m. Healing Service 10:30am Rev. Phil Byrum	5 Food Pantry 9-11 a.m. Tar River Children Chorus 4:30-7:00 p.m.	6	7 Men's Club 8 a.m. Blessing of the Animals
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2023



LAY/LEM READERS

October 1

8:00 Ron Jancso
Tim Knapp

10:30 Martha Lamm
Sandy Suggs

October 8

8:00 Terry Shackelford
George Earp

10:30 Jeanie Armstrong
Elizabeth Pope

October 15

8:00 Ramona Orzell
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10:30 Elizabeth Pope
Leslie Hall

October 22

8:00 Tim Knapp
Tim Knapp

10:30 Linda Hutcheson
Martha Lamm

October 29

8:00 Albert Corinth
George Earp

10:30 Leslie Hall
Sandy Suggs

Acolytes

October 1

10:30 Walker Wells

October 8

10:30 Laruen Renck

October 15

10:30 The Mericles

October 22

10:30 Landon Newcomb

October 29

10:30 Walker Wells

Pantry Distributors

Tuesday—Patty Kennedy
Wednesday—Tommy Parker
Thursday—Elizabeth Hunter

Pantry Volunteers

Mary Ann Crawford
Diane Dunstan
Marie Inscore



*Now faith is the assurance of
things hoped for, the
conviction of things not seen.
For by it the people of old
received their commendation. By
faith we understand that the
universe was created by the word
of God, so that what is seen was
not made out of things that are
visible.*

~ Hebrews 11:1-3

Kitchen Clean Up

Tony and Marie Inscore

Greeters

Dan Melnyk
Ashley Newcomb

USHERS

October 1

Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci

October 8

Angela Reid
Jim Royal

October 15

Linda Hutcheson
Jan Arnold

October 22

Angela Reid
Jim Royal

October 29

Dan Melnyk
Don Mucci



Thanks to the Rev. Nathan Whittman of the Englewood Methodist Church for conducting our blessing of the backpacks for our preschoolers!



Lauren Renck doing an excellent job picking up all the sticks and pinecones on our playground! Thank you Lauren!

Tornado Relief Update:



40 bags have been delivered to the Salvation Army.

The Emergency Management Agency picked up 40 tornado relief bags which will go on to bless 80 people!



Pete distributed 40 Bags to the staff at Peace Makers



Leslie Hall dropped off 30 bags to Lawrence Goering at Good Shephard for their vulnerable population.



Event highlights include:
Flower arrangement demonstrations by the
Flower Guild of Grace Church Cathedral in
Charleston, SC
Keynote speaker Frances Schultz

Festival of Flowers

presented by
Calvary Episcopal Church
Tarboro, NC
November 3, 2023



FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:

[TINYURL.COM/FESTIVALOFFLOWERS23](https://tinyurl.com/festivalofflowers23)

or scan the QR code

Kid's Page

Name: _____

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT


WORD BANK:


yourself	Love
heart	soul
mind	neighbor
	God


Love _____
with your whole _____, your whole _____ and your whole _____

Love your _____ as _____

This is also known as the **Law of** _____

 Matthew 22:37-40

 Love God

 Love Others

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The Greatest Commandment

Mark 12:30-31

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

heart

soul

might

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Our Parish Family

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 7th at 10am
Stuffed animals are welcome!



Oktoberfest
Friday, October 13th at 6pm
Bouncy House included in the festivities!



The choir is meeting on Sunday, October 1st at 9:15am to discuss this upcoming year. Please make every effort to attend.



Life Line Screening
will be at
St. Andrew's October 13th
Call 888-814-0416
to register.



The Men's Club is meeting Saturday, October 7th at 8am.



Every Sunday after the 8am service, we will be packing food bags for the students at Winstead Elementary.

On October 15, we will pack bags for the food pantry after the 10:30am service.

St Andrew's Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 10th. We're reading Under a Gilded Moon: A Novel by Joy Jordan-Lake. Everyone is welcome!



St. Elizabeth's Guild meets Oct. 2nd from 12-1pm in the Parish Hall. The theme this year will be Discovering the Disciples. Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert will be provided by our Hostess Rachel Dix. Come join the fellowship!