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*Garden of Gethsemane
St. Alban's Church*

Easter At St. Alban's



Palm Sunday Processional



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest"





Andrew leads the Way of The Cross processional



All Glory, Laud, and Honor to Thee, Redeemer King!



Church Women Designing Easter Bonnets



Easter Day Snapshots



Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!



Early morning service in Outdoor Chapel



Flowered Rose Cross in Parish Hall



Charlie & Joel hunting eggs



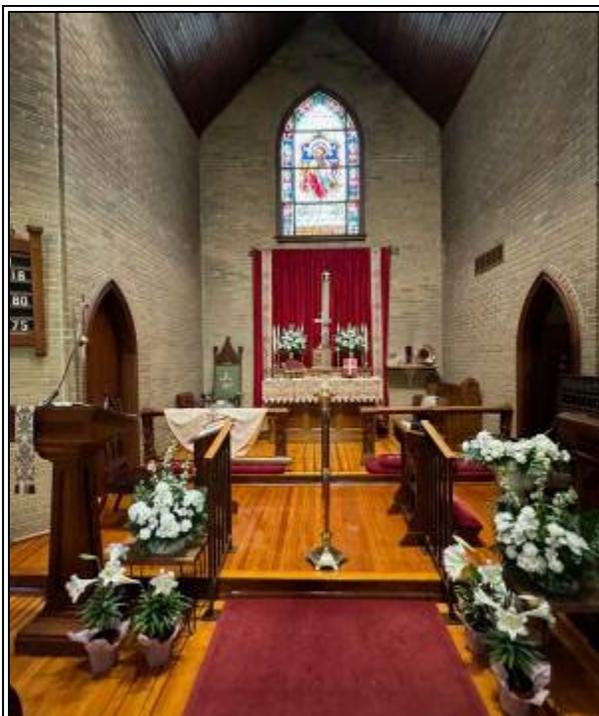
Roux, Taylor & Sara Jane ready to hunt Easter eggs



Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Wyatt, Rev. Elisabeth, Andrew, Taylor & Harvey



Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday



Dawn Rickard certified as Lay Worship Leader



Jim & Casandra Price



Lance, Canada & Margaret Stewart



Jordan, James, Genevieve & Linda



Sally Mae resting from Easter Day

Episcopal Church Women



The Episcopal Church Women met on Sunday, March 10th, following the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. Elisabeth Malphurs led the group with a prayer, followed by a salad lunch, which was enjoyed by all. Susan Price, outgoing president, led the meeting with a discussion on leadership roles within the ECW. The following volunteered and were accepted: Judy Gavin, president, Dawn Rickard, vice-president and Sharon Hanks, treasurer. The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted. Important contributions to our community include in-reach and out-reach missions such as Lifting Lives Family Shelter.

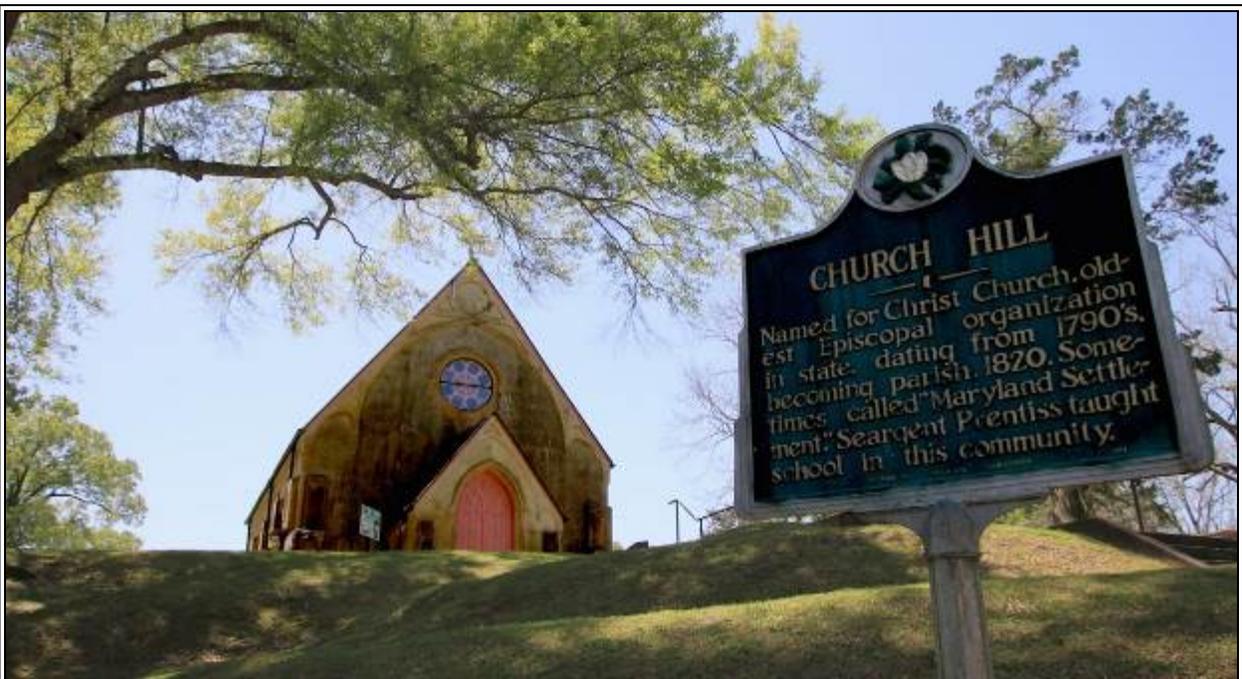
The ECW always enjoys taking field trips. A trip to Natchez has been planned for April 20. We will meet at St. Alban's, 8:30 a.m. to caravan to Natchez for a tour of two of the oldest Episcopal churches in the state—St. Mary's Chapel and Christ Episcopal church. While at St. Mary's, Rev. Malphurs will conduct a simple service with Communion. On the return trip we will tour Christ Episcopal Church at Church Hill before having lunch at Church Hill Variety, directly across from Christ Church.

Please notify Sharon Hanks (slhanks1945@att.net or 601-529-6315) if you plan to join the field trip.

Historic Churches on Tour



St. Mary's Chapel—beautiful Gothic-style chapel that was built in 1839 on the grounds of Laurel Hill Plantation, making it one of the oldest Episcopal churches in the state. Today the chapel stands secluded on private property.



Christ Episcopal Church—first structure built at Church Hill in 1820 and is recognized as being the “Cradle of Episcopacy in Mississippi.” Present structure built in 1858.

Elisabeth's Epistle

We are going through the largest, fastest shift in religious attendance in our country's history, with an estimated 40 million people leaving church over the past 25 years. All churches in all denominations in all parts of the country are experiencing the effects of this contraction in membership. For many small churches, this historical shift threatens our very survival, not to mention the survival of outreach ministries that have been a critical link in the community's safety net.

How are we to respond to these changes? More importantly, what can we do not just to survive, but to continue to be an effective witness to the Gospel? How does this seemingly dire situation inspire us to creativity and innovation rather than panic?

These are questions we're going to be looking at the Small Churches Conference scheduled for April 12-13 at Grace Episcopal Church, Canton. This gathering will revive an older conference of small churches that fell by the wayside in recent years. With 75% of the Episcopal churches in Mississippi having an average Sunday attendance of 75 people or fewer, this is a conversation that affects the entire Diocese.

The goal of our conference is not to dwell on what has been lost, but rather to focus on the strengths of small churches and the opportunities for innovative ministry to meet this moment. Bishop Seage will join us, along with the Rev. Lisa Fischbeck, the founding Vicar of the Episcopal Church of the Advocate in Chapel Hill, NC and author of *Behold What You Are: Becoming the Body of Christ*.

If you are interested in attending the conference, please speak with Elisabeth. Regardless, please pray for an inspired and transformative gathering that will equip us to do God's work in the world!

Prayers of the People

For all those sick or in need:

Allan & Joan	Davis	Kathy	Mike & Nancy
Allen K.	Debbie T.	Kristen	Norma
Angie	Ed	Lawson N.	Preston
Caroline	Eunice	Leesha	Ricky
Cecil	Frances	Leigh Ann	Rose
Charlene	Fritz	Libby	Ryan
Clarence	Jackson	Lucas	St. Luke's, Baton Rouge
David K.	James	Mark	Steve
David W.	Jane	Martha	Sue
	John	Mike D.	Theresa

For the departed: Barbi Alexander, Debbie Hartzog, Faye Willis, Richard Marcus, and Bob Everett, Charlie Brantley

Liturgical Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICES

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Rite I – 8:30 AM				
Lay Worship Leader	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Ann Tompkins
Lector	Nancy Montague	Beth Sojourner	Ann Tompkins	Sharon Cummins
Rite II – 11:00 AM				
Lay Worship Leader	Dawn Rickard	Richard Price	Harvey Smith	Betsy Selby
Greeters/ Ushers	The Gavins	Bobby Barlow	Dawn Rickard	Penny Freund
Lector	Carolyn Burton	Susan Price	Dawn Rickard	David Pruett
Prayers of the People	David Pruett	Harvey Smith	Betsy Selby	Dawn Rickard
Chalice Bearer	Lance Stewart	Susan Price	Carolyn Burton	Dawn Rickard
A/V System	Harvey Smith	Jim Drake	Harvey Smith	Jim Drake

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Service 6:00 PM	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Lay Worship Leader	No Healing Serv.	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith



*Rev. Elisabeth, Jim & Becky Drake,
Carolyn Gent Burton, Richard Price, Beth Guynes*