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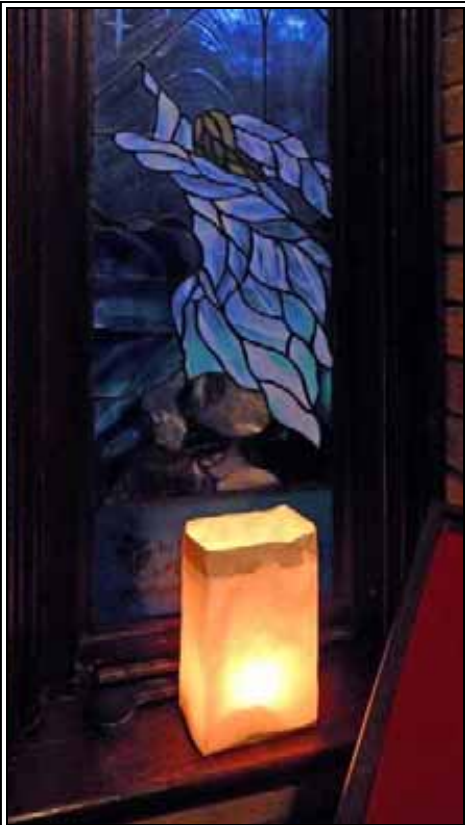


*Precious in the Sight of the LORD
Is the Love of His Saints*

All Saints' Eve Memorial Service



Luminaries Cast a Special Ambiance as Loved Ones are Remembered



Price Memorial Window



Iron paling adds a touch of beauty to cemetery



Stacy and Rev. Billie on All Saints Eve



A carpet of pink petals blankets the grounds

ECW Visit Lauren Rogers Museum of Art *Da Vinci Machines Exhibition*



On November 10th, the ECW enjoyed a field trip to Laurel where they visited the *Lauren Rogers Museum of Art* to view the *da Vinci Machines Exhibition*, the largest exhibit in the 95-year history of the museum. Those enjoying the field trip were: Sharon Hanks, Tommy Skinner, Frank Skinner, Beth Guynes, Margie Scott, Janice Herrington, Susan Price and Wilma Mitchell. The exhibit featured numerous inventions reconstructed from Leonardo da Vinci's illustrations and writings—Flying Machines, War Machines, Nautical & Hydraulic Machines, and Civil Engineer Solutions. Also featured were reproductions of da Vinci's famous paintings.

The *da Vinci Machines Exhibition* was established in Italy during the late 1950s and, since that time, has been viewed in major cities including Milan, Vinci, Florence, Venice, Warsaw, Madrid, Berlin, Hong Kong, Hollywood, Detroit, Chicago and now, Laurel Mississippi! The museum, built in 1923, is a Mississippi Treasure.





† Billie's Corner

***Shhh --- Advent Is Here!***

*“Prayer is putting ourselves in the hands of God and listening for voice
in the depths of our hearts.” Mother Teresa*

The noisy world of the commercial Christmas season shouts, “MORE, MORE, MORE!” The quiet world of the ethereal Advent season whispers, “LESS, LESS, LESS.” The need for silence in our lives is constant—there is no one season for silence. But the unique thing about Advent is that it beckons us to be still, to nest, to prepare our hearts for the birthing of the Baby Jesus.

Advent invites us to be pregnant with the spirit of anticipation at the coming of the promised Messiah. For four brief weeks we can carve out a quiet time to listen for the stir of angels as they prepare to sing, “*Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright...*” For four brief weeks we can pray, we can ponder, we can contemplate the sheer wonder that our God slipped into our humanity and lived as one of us out of love for us.

Such a wonder deserves silence—our words can get in the way; our doing can distract us. Silence deepens our relationship with God—it is a necessary component as we respond to God’s invitation to loving oneness. Time spent in intentional silence creates a union between God and ourselves. And somehow, time spent in silence creates a union with everyone. It mends broken relationships, and it enhances comfortable relationships. Silence brings us in touch with ourselves too.

I invite you to get acquainted with a special website, www.friendsofsilence.com. I stumbled upon the *Friends of Silence* homepage as I was searching for resources that had to do with stillness and silence. After reading the opening message and scrolling down to see the images, quotes, and poems that related to silence, I promptly subscribed to their monthly email newsletter. Take a look. Developing and sustaining the practice of silence requires support, and this website offers encouragement, inspiration and beauty.

May your Advent days and nights be blessed with silence, holiness, and calm.

In Peace,
Billie+



Time spent in intentional silence creates a union between God and ourselves

Photograph by David Gulledge

† Josie's Journal



Feast of Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving at St. Alban's started some time ago during a gathering of the faithful. The Eucharist included a service of communion from the reserved sacrament. Once again this year, after the service, we gathered in the parish house for food and fellowship. A good time was had by all. We talked and shared memories of our loved ones whom we no longer see. Recipes from years past were shared as parishioners tried to remember all the ingredients. I don't know if all the ingredients were remembered, but we certainly ate our fill of the many dishes offered to us.

HUGS

HUGS is the acronym for our Christmas offering this year. Hats, Underwear, Gloves, Gowns, and Socks are our project for 2018. HUGS can be provided for children and the gifts will be distributed to the Children's Shelter and Youth Court. *River City Rescue* will be the recipient of the HUGS offerings for men while the Women's Shelter and area nursing homes will be the recipients for the women. Donations may be left in the parish hall. Sizes are whatever you bring. Thank you so much for all that you do for our brothers and sisters all through the year.

Peace

Josie

December Birthdays

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Harvey Smith, Jr. | 26 John Bonar |
| 11 Clarissa Walker | 28 Sara Margaret Porter |
| 12 Joan Leese | 29 Buddy Hanks |
| 22 Jennifer Normand | Ann Jones |

December Anniversaries

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3 John & Anita Bonar | 23 Allen & Linda Kitchens |
| 14 Jerry & Kay McWilliams | 29 Rudolph & Allison Price Nieto |
| 16 Jimmy & Ann Jones | David & Mary Ann Wright |

Prayers for the People

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|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Analiese Wasson Bryan | Dianne Carlton | Lucas Guynes |
| Ann Hanks | Ed Cooper | Mark Herrington |
| Ann & Jimmy Jones | Eugene Quarles | Martha Benson |
| Barbara Ramsay | Evelyn Wallace | Megan Cook Vincent |
| Bertha Kolb | Fetty Judge | Millie Gasaway |
| Betty Biedenharn | Glenda Ferguson | Norma Jones |
| Bradley Freeman | Hollis Newman | Parker Ramsay |
| Bryan Brabston | Jackson Monti | Patsy & Kena Faulk |
| Carol Green | Jim Dantin | Paula Lentz |
| Charles Haley | Joan Leese | Peggy Lynn |
| Charlie Brantley & Family | Kristi Biedenharn | Peter Meyers |
| Cynthia Strawn & Family | Laurie Concannon | Rachelle Ferris |
| Dalton Glatt | Lessye Williams | Richard Massey |
| Damion Hansford | Linda & Jim Dooley | Sherry Horan |
| Dan & Mary Carleton | Linda Washington | The Selby Family |
| | Liz Curtis & Family | |

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Phone: (601) 636-6687

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

No Choir Practice in December

Christian Education, 10:00 AM

Nursery, 10:00 AM

Children’s Chapel, 11:00 AM

Tuesday

Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Quiet Day, First Wednesday of Each Month, 7 AM—7 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Events in December 2018

Saturday, December 1—ECW Christmas Luncheon & Ornament Exchange, Main Street Market, 902 Cherry Street, 11:00 AM -1:00 PM. The cost of the meal is \$18.00.

Sunday, December 2—Advent Wreath Workshop, Parish House, 9:30 AM

Sunday, December 9—*Second Sundays at St. Mary’s*, Galloway Methodist Concordia, 4:00 PM

Thursday, December 20—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Friday, December 21—A special Eucharist, called *Blue Christmas* or *Longest Night* service, acknowledges the pain of loss felt by many at this time of year, and offers a somber, gentle space to gather. This service will be held on the winter solstice, the longest night of the year, 6:00 PM

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve Concert 5:50 & 9:50 PM. Christmas Eve Eucharist, 6:00 & 10:00 PM

Tuesday, December 25—**Christmas Day**. No Services



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Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in December 2018

| | December 2 | December 9 | December 16 | December 23 | December 30 |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| | First Sunday of Advent | Second Sunday of Advent | Third Sunday of Advent Intergenerational Christmas Pageant | Fourth Sunday of Advent | First Sunday of Christmas Liturgy of the Reserved Sacrament |
| First Reading | Jeremiah 33:14-16 | Baruch 5:1-9 | Zephaniah 3:14-20 | Micah 5:2-5a | Isaiah 61:10-62:3 |
| Psalm | Psalm 25:1-9 | Canticle 4 | Canticle 9 | Canticle 3 | Psalm 147 |
| Second Reading | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 | Philippians 1:2-11 | Philippians 4:4-7 | Hebrews 10:5-10 | Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 |
| Gospel | Luke 21:25-36 | Luke 3:1-6 | Luke 3:7-18 | Luke 1:39-45 | John 1:1-18 |
| LWL | | | | | |
| 8:30 am | Tommy Skinner | Harvey Smith | Theo Williams | Tommy Skinner | Theo Williams |
| 11:00 am | David Pruett | Richard Price | Betsy Selby | Ann Tompkins | Theo Williams |
| OT Lector | | | | | |
| 8:30 am | Penny Freund | Penny Freund | Penny Freund | Penny Freund | Penny Freund |
| 11:00 am | Ed Shelnut | Susan Price | Macy Weaver | Wilma Mitchell | Theo Williams |
| Psalm | | | Sam Hall | | |
| Epistle | | | Gloria Hall | | |
| Crucifer & Acolyte | Koury Collins | Susan Price | Beth Guynes Canada Stewart | Jennifer Normand | |
| Wooden Cross | | | Harris Southall | | |
| Gospel Bearer | Gabby Rushing | Deacon Josie | Gabby Rushing | Deacon Josie | Peter Williams |
| Prayers of the People | Ed Shelnut | Wilma Mitchell | Peter Williams Kerri Williams | Deacon Josie | Deacon Josie |
| Oblation Bearers | Harvey Smith Sharon Hanks | Elisabeth Gent Herb Jones | Lawson Selby Mason Selby | Wilma Mitchell Sharon Hanks | N/A |
| Ushers & Greeters | Dale Gibson Andy Hall | Dale Gibson Alan Leese | Josh Artman Jonah Artman | Dalton Thames Sara Porter | Dale Gibson Allan Leese |
| Standing Communion Station | Herb Jones David Pruett | Deacon Josie Susan Price | Deacon Josie Theo Williams | Deacon Josie Theo Williams | N/A |
| Altar Guild | Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing | Mary Ann Wright Susan Price | Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner | Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey | Deacon Josie will set the Altar |
| Coffee Host | Tommy Skinner Kristi Hall | Sharon Cummins Beth Sojourner | Bring Christmas Goodies | Jennifer Normand Ann Tompkins | Bring Christmas Goodies |
| Nursery | April & Ashley | April & Ashley | April & Ashley | April & Ashley | April & Ashley |
| Children's Chapel | Betsy Selby | Betsy Selby | Intergenerational Christmas Pageant | Betsy Selby | Betsy Selby |
| Offertory Counters | Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Herb Jones | Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Theo Williams | Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart | Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Beth Guynes | Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Michael Southall |
| | December 5 | December 12 | December 19 | December 26 | |
| Healing Service | Theo Williams | Tommy Skinner | David Pruett | Theo Williams | |