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Carol Walker Simmons
May 24, 1950—February 4, 2017

Remembering Carol Simmons: "It is Well with My Soul"



Carol with her husband, Roger, daughter, Claire Crow, and sons, Clay & Jon

Carol walked many paths along life's journey and all were filled with God's gift of love. The lyrics of the hymn, "*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Joy of Heaven, to Earth Come Down,*" best defines the spiritual essence of Carol. Daily, she received and shared God's love.

Carol was not only filled with the gift of God's love but also God's gift of faithfulness. She was faithful to God—faithful to church—faithful to family & friends—and faithful to her patients who not only received physical healing but also spiritual healing.

Carol's life exemplified God's gift of compassion. Albert Schweitzer once wrote, "*The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion.*" Carol embraced everyone with compassion beyond measure.

Carol was our friend at St. Alban's. She lit up the room with her smile. She shared her faith - sincerely and abundantly. We prayed with Carol and we worshipped with Carol.

Carol "*fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith.*" She is now living into God's promise of eternal life. May God bless her family and continue to instill her *special light* within us.

*"When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well, with my soul
It is well... it is well... with my soul... with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul"*

Holy Baptism—Wyatt Price Monti



Wyatt Price Monti was baptized on February 19th with Rev. Billie Abraham, celebrant, assisted by Josie Williams, deacon. Wyatt is the son of Amanda & Jack Monti and the grandson of Richard and Susan Price. Also present for the baptism were: Jackson Monti, brother, Ella Claire Monti, sister, Whitney Leigh Nieto, Godmother, Carey Price, proxy Godfather for Joseph John Monti and Natacha Guimaraes-de-Oliveria, au pair.







✠ Billie's Corner



We are about to embark on a pilgrimage during the weeks of Lent—our destination is Easter Sunday, the day Jesus resurrected and transformed death into life. We begin our pilgrimage on Ash Wednesday when the church invites us to slow down and give thought to time. What are we doing with our time? How are we living our life in relationship with Jesus and others? How can we enrich our life? What might we eliminate or lessen?

In the fast-paced world in which we live, the Church offers 40 days of Lent to make a pilgrimage into the depths of our souls—to look around and see what we are ordinarily too busy to see. Along this soulful pilgrimage route, the Church invites us *“to the observance of a holy Lent by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting and self-denial; by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.”* (Book of Common Prayer, pg. 265)

Pilgrimage implies movement—a Lenten pilgrimage leads toward a new spiritual state of being. What is it we long for in our daily lives? God plants a longing in us – a longing for fulfillment. Lent is the time to think about what offers us life-giving fulfillment. Lent is the time to explore the great mystery that is God—to stop, to be still, to wonder and to listen.

The Lenten pilgrimage is an intentional journey. Pause and prepare for how you will make the journey. What will you do along the way to the sacred destination? Will you make the commitment to participate in the weekly Healing Service, Soup Dinners and Arts Programs? Will you pray the Stations of the Cross? Will you give yourself a designated time and place to stop and simply be? Will you pray and read Holy Scripture each day? Will you examine your life and your relationship with others? Will you seek change when called for? Will you open your hearts to God’s love for you?

How will **you**, individually, make the Lenten pilgrimage to Easter Sunday? How will **we**, communally, make the Lenten pilgrimage together?

In Peace

Billie+

St. Mary's, Bolton, Presents "Praising Hymn"



Pictured L-R: Penny Freund, alto; James Anderson, tenor; Marie Cunningham, flute & soprano; Adrienne Eckstein, flute; Lance Stewart, guitar & baritone; Sharon Hanks & Kerri Williams, soprano and Dawn Hess, violin. Not pictured—Kip Gill, pianist & Mary Ruth Jones, reader

Second Sundays Concert Series at St. Mary's: On Sunday, March 12, 4:00 PM, a group of musicians from various churches will perform selections from the Episcopal Hymnal 1982. The selected numbers will include a variety of old and new hymns as well as chants. The group was assembled by Penny Freund, St. Alban's Church, with James Anderson, *Arts Director of St. Mary's Concert Series*, assisting.

United Thank Offering Spring In-gathering



United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church designated for world-wide missions. St. Alban's annual in-gathering will take place in March as blue boxes (for coins) and UTO envelopes (for currency) are placed in the pews. The purpose of the UTO has remained the same since it was founded—for everyone to recognize their many blessings by contributing a "thank offering" in return. The contributions are used to support missions and ministries around the world. Please give out of love and thanksgiving.

ECW Field Trip to the Eudora Welty House



All women (and men) are invited to tour the Eudora Welty House and grounds on Saturday, March 11th. Lunch will follow at Manship Restaurant located at 1200 North State St. #100. The restaurant features seasonal Southern meals with a Mediterranean twist in a sharp, open bar/eatery with outdoor seating.

The caravan will depart from St. Alban's at 8:00 AM
Those driving their own car to meet at Eudora Welty's House by 9:00 AM
Tour to begin at 9:00 AM
Lunch at 11:30 AM

Contact Sharon Hanks at 601-529-6315 if you plan to participate.

Eudora Welty House,
1119 Pinchurst St, Jackson

Forty Days of Lent



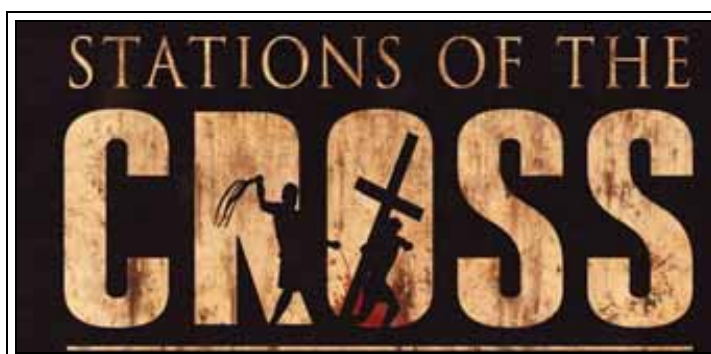
March 8 – April 5

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist and Healing Service; 6:30 Soup Dinner
7:00 PM Lenten Arts Programs



Ash Wednesday Services
Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, March 5, 8:30 AM, Noon,
6:00 PM

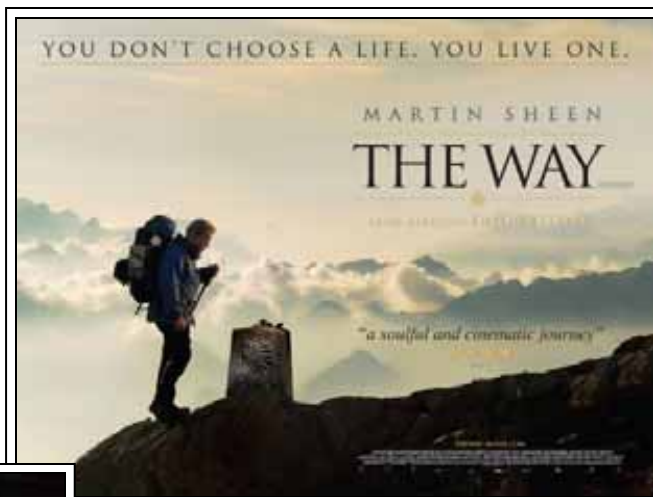
Stations of the Cross
Prayer Services
Every Friday during Lent, 5:00 PM



St. Alban's Lenten Arts Programs

Sunday March 5
Following the 11:00 AM Eucharist
Movie Viewing of
"THE WAY" starring Martin Sheen
Highway 61 Coffee House

Lite Lunch & Beverages will be provided.

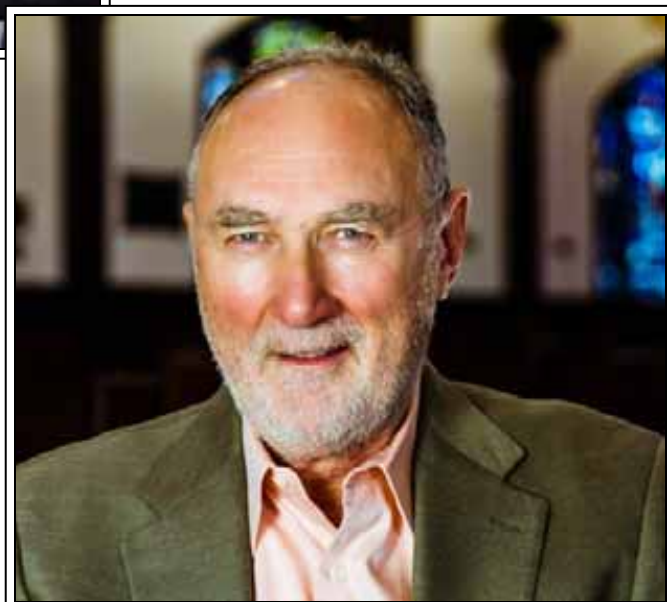


Wednesday, March 8
Patrick Smith & Band
Blues, Soul, Jazz and Gospel Music

Soup prepared by Rev. Billie

Wednesday, March 15
John Paul, Harpsichordist
J. S. Bach Concert

Soup prepared by Susan Price





Wednesday March 22

Full Circle Trio

Nicholas Black, fiddle & vocals, Julia Blake, keyboard & vocals & Joanne Ryan, guitar & vocals
Bluegrass and Spirituals

Exhibit of Phyllis Blake's Paintings

Soup prepared by Margie Scott & Beth Guynes

Wednesday, March 29
Mandy Spivak, Soprano

Celebrating Mary, the Mother of Jesus

Soup prepared by Tommy Skinner



Wednesday, April 5
Vicksburg High School
Madrigal Singers

Directed by Angela Chapin

Soup by Herb & Mary Ruth Jones

Weekly Activities & Services

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM
 Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM
 Children's Chapel during 11:00 AM Eucharist

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, 12:30 PM, Parish House

Friday

Stations of the Cross, 6:00 PM (During Lent)

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, March 1—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 1—Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes & Eucharist, 8:30 AM, Noon and 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 8— Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, Lenten Arts Program, Patrick Smith Band, *Jazz and more*, 7:00 PM

Sunday, March 12—St. Mary's, Bolton, 4:00 PM, "Hymns of Praise" James Anderson, tenor, Penny Freund, alto, Kip Gill, piano & baritone, Laurie Johnson, soprano, Marie Cunningham, flute & soprano, Mary Ruth Jones, reader

Wednesday, March 15— Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, John Paul, Harpsichord, *J. S. Bach Concert*, 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 21—Vestry Meeting, 6:00 PM, Rectory

Wednesday, March 22— Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, *Full Circle, Bluegrass & Spirituals*, Nicholas & Julia Blake and Joanne Ryan; art exhibit by Phyllis Blake

Tuesday, March 28— Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
 Christ Church Vicksburg, 5:00–7:30 PM & St. Mary's Vicksburg, 5:00–7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 29— Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, Mandy Spivak, Soprano, *Celebrating Mary, Mother of Jesus*, 7:00 PM

March Birthdays

1 Michael Guynes	15 Ben Harper
Lisa Langford	18 Margarette Swett
Parker Ramsay	Burke Torrey
7 Anita Collins	21 James William Touns
Herb Jones	24 Jeff Artman
8 Eleanor Chaire Monti	Olivia Curtis
10 Chasity Dunaway	25 Penny Freund
Mary Ellen Dunaway	27 Stacey Sumrall
11 Sherry Horan	31 Clare Huntley
Jeanne Lunz	Jenni Sciro
15 Lanore Fulgham	

March Anniversaries

11 Michael & Ashley Abraham	16 Bill & Liz Curtis
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Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

Alan Kolodny	Drew Kitchens	Mary Ruth Jones
Angie Standish	Elizabeth Senter	Martha Benson
Ann Jones & Family	Ellen Newsome	Meredith Brumfield
Ann Hanks	Glenda Ferguson	Norma Jones
Aryana Strawn	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Parker Ramsay
Barbara Ramsay	Jackson Monti	Rachelle Ferris
Bertha Kolb	Jim & Sherry Horan	Richard & Margo Massey
Betty Biedenbarn	Jim Dantin	Rt. Rev. A. C. Marble & Dinie
Brian Buchanan	Josie Williams	Shirley Lowery Powers
Carol Simmons Family	Kristi Biedenbarn	The Anita Collins Family
Charlie Brantley & Family	Larry Sanders	The Christine Nelson Family
Dale Gibson	Linda & Jim Dooley	The Lambiotte Family
Dalton Glatt	Linda Walker	The Selby Family
Damion Hansford	Liz Curtis & Family	The Tornado Victims In
Dan & Mary Carleton Dr.	Lucas Guynes	Hattiesburg & Petal
Peter Boelens	Mary Ann Seage	Wilma Mitchell
	Kathy Ann Harrison	

Lurgical Schedule—Sundays in March

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
	First Sunday in Lent	Second Sunday in Lent	Third Sunday in Lent	Fourth Sunday in Lent
First Reading	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm	Psalm 32	Psalm 121	Psalm 95	Psalm 23
Second Reading	Romans 5:12-19	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel	Matthew 4:1-11 "The Way" Movie Hwy 61 Coffee Shop	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41
LWL 8:30 a.m.	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins
11:00 a.m.	Richard Price	Herb Jones	Betsy Selby	David Pruett
MC	Susan Price	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
OT Lector 8:30 a.m.	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund	Penny Freund
11:00 a.m.	Susan Price	Ed Shelnut	Lance Stewart	Sharon Hanks
Epistle Lector			Betsy Selby	
Psalm Leader			Lawson Selby	
Crucifer & Acolyte	Susan Price	Koury Collins Canada Stewart	Beth Guynes Heaven Leigh Sunny Faith Peter Williams	Jennifer Normand Canada Stewart
Banner Bearer			Harris & Michael Southall	
Crucifer (Wooden)				
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie
Torch Bearers			Gloria & Sam Hall	
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Bruce Carleton	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	Michael & Sally Southall	Easy Biedenbarn Mary John	Gloria & Sam Hall	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter
Ushers & Greeters	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Lance Stewart Leigh Devine	Jonah & Josh Artman	Alan Leese David Normand
Note: Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie Susan Price	Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins
Altar Guild	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey
Coffee Host	Rev. Billie	Betty Rushing Cynthia Strawn	Courtney Taylor Betsy Selby	Rev. Billie Bitsy Sloan
Nursery Assistant	Ann Tompkins	Jennifer Normand	Courtney Taylor	Bonnie Pruett
Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby		Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Herb Jones
	March 1	March 8	March 15	March 22
Healing Service	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	David Pruett	Ann Tompkins