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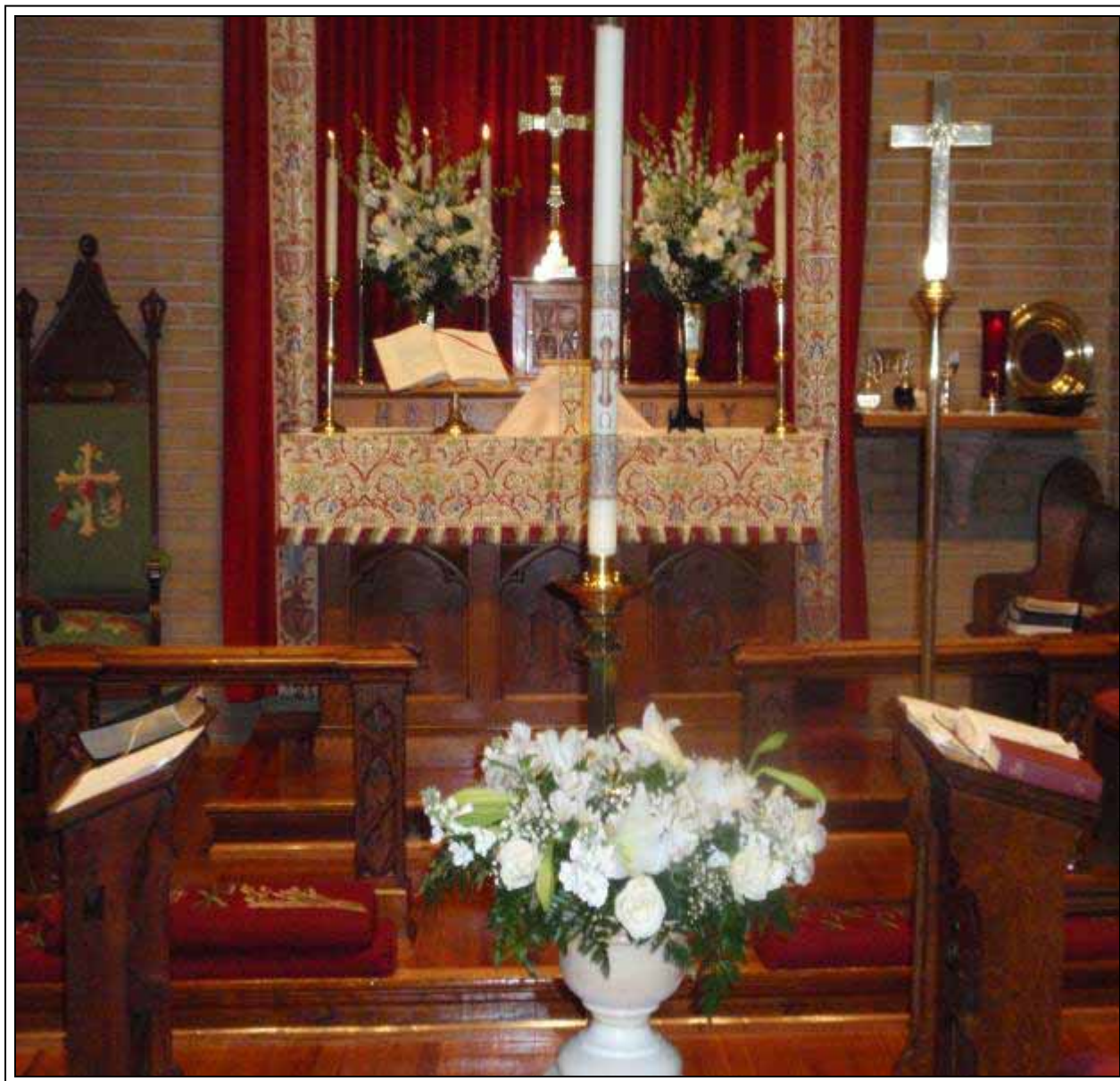
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Alleluia. Christ is Risen.
The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.

Easter 2016



By the Cross and Passion of your Son, our Lord,
Bring us with all Your Saints
To the Joy of His Resurrection

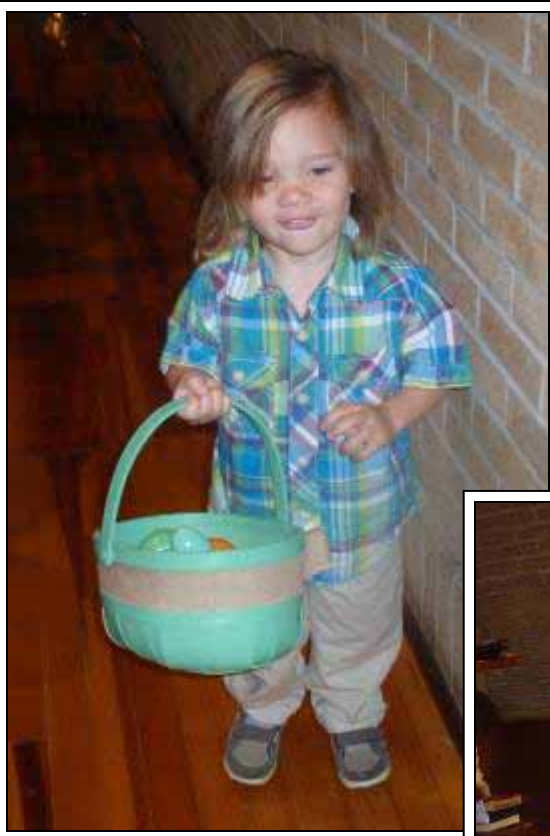










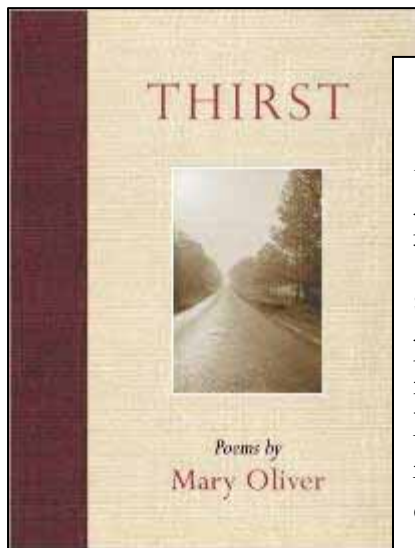


✠ Billie's Corner

Dear St. Alban's Community,

I am writing this on the morning after Easter while I sit in the quiet of my sparsely furnished cabin—looking out at the woods in my backyard — a hot cup of coffee in one hand and a book of Mary Oliver's poetry in the other—this is a resurrection morning!

The photos tell the story that is in my heart and Mary Oliver's words say everything I want to share with you.



Thirst

“Another morning and I wake with thirst for the goodness I do not have. I walk out to the pond and all the way God has given us such beautiful lessons. Oh Lord, I was never a quick scholar but sulked and hunched over my books past the hour and the bell; grant me, in your mercy, a little more time. Love for the earth and love for you are having such a long conversation in my heart. Who knows what will finally happen or where I will be sent, yet already I have given a great many things away, expecting to be told to pack nothing, except the prayers which, with thirst, I am slowly learning.”



In Peace
Billiet

✝ Josie's Journal

Lent 2016 is over. The winner of the GOLDEN HALO is Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Lutheran pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident and key founding member of the Confessing Church. I started this journey on Ash Wednesday which seems so long ago and reached my destination March 24th. I read the biographies of all the saints and selected my choice in the match-ups. As my selections were defeated, I regrouped and voted for another saint. I learned facts that I did not know about Roch (Feb. 19), Drogo (Feb 16) and Elmo (March 2) and encountered saints that were familiar to me Julian of Norwich (Feb 15), Vida Dutton Scudder (Feb 24 and Barnabas (March 2). I hope that you had the opportunity to read and study the saints. If not, perhaps you can sometime during the coming year.

It was truly a most sacred Lent for me. My reading for Lent 2016 was *The Gift of New Creation: A Lenten Study Based on the Revised Common Lectionary*, by Thomas L. Ehrich an Episcopal priest from New York. Rev. Ehrich is best known for his winsome theology in *On a Journey*, a newspaper column read daily by thousands. He starts a forty-day journey from San Francisco to New York by way of two-lane roads and, along the way writes of his observations and thoughts. He asks questions designed to stimulate thinking and perhaps form a closer relationship with Christ. He poses questions such as, "what does the wilderness look and feel like in your life?" and "how can you be a messenger of reconciliation?"

He compares the Mojave Desert to the desert that the Egyptians crossed. Do we have such deserts that we need to cross as the Egyptians did so long ago? As he enters Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma, he expresses dismay that Native Americans were discriminated against and had their land seized and were relegated to land that was useless for almost everything. Do we have such displacement today in marginalized groups?

What will I do with *The Gift of Creation* that our Lord and Savior has given to me? Will I live for God or Not? Will I receive Everlasting Life or Death? The choice is mine?

Christ Has Risen Indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ Peace,

Josie+

ECW Fun Trip Planned for April 9



The ECW, along with spouses and friends, will meet at St. Alban's on April 9, 8:00 AM and caravan through Natchez to tour *St. Mary's Chapel*, a private chapel on the grounds of *Laurel Hill Plantation*. The Gothic-style chapel was built in 1839, making it one of the oldest Episcopal churches in the state. After the return to Natchez, the group will tour *Stanton Hall*, built circa 1857-1858, before dining in their internationally famous *Carriage House*. On the return trip, the caravan will detour off the Natchez Trace to see *Christ Episcopal Church* located at Church Hill. Since the first church was built in 1820, *Christ Church* is recognized as being the "Cradle of Episcopacy in Mississippi." Another site of interest nearby is *Emerald Mound*. The eight-acre mound is recognized as the second largest Indian mound in North America. The return to St. Alban's Church should be around mid-afternoon.

The ECW made this trip in 2013 and everyone had a great time, especially seeing and hearing the history of St. Mary's Chapel that is now 177 years old. Hopefully, a tour guide will be present to meet the group. Please notify slhanks1945@att.net or 601-636-2710 or 601-529-6315 if you plan to go.

Sharon Hanks
ECW President

Wedding Bells for Kelsey Artman



Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Adult Sunday School, Parish House, 10:00 AM

Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM

Children's Chapel during 11:00 AM Eucharist

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM

Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, Noon

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

Saturday, April 2—Kelsey Artman/Zack Hankins Wedding, 3:00 PM

Wednesday, April 6—First Wednesday Quiet Day, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Come In, Light a Candle, Say a prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace

Sunday, April 10—Second Sundays at St. Mary's, 4:00 PM. Evening Prayer followed by *The Metro Male Chorus*

Tuesday, April 12—Vestry Meeting, Rectory, 6:00 PM

Monday, April 18—Rev. Billie's Sabbatical begins

Wednesday, April 20—Revered Margaret Ayers, Supply Priest

Wednesday Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Friday, April 22—Sunday, April 24—Contemplative Outreach of Central

Mississippi presents the Rev. William Meninger, *Contemplative Prayer and the Cloud of Unknowing*, Gray Center

Sunday, April 24—Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM, Rev. Hugh Jones, Supply Priest

Wednesday, April 27—Rev. Margaret Ayers, Supply Priest

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Mississippi Diocesan Altar Guild

2016 Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 30, 2016, 9:00 a.m.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

\$25 registration fee includes Continental Breakfast and Lunch

Bishop Brian Seage, Guest Speaker

April Birthdays

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| 1 Charlotte Biedenharn | 18 Jennifer Harper |
| 2 Jay Harper | Maggi McCarthy |
| 3 Sandra Melsheimer | Greg Tierce |
| 7 Ruth Green | 23 Jack Monti |
| 8 Olivia Lee | 27 Ford Biedenharn |
| 10 Amy Burr | Russell Sumrall |
| Hayden Guynes | 29 Liz Curtis |
| Chad Touns | Frank W. Skinner, Jr. |
| 12 Payton Fulgham | 30 Allison Nieto |
| 15 Joan Parsons | |

April Anniversaries

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| 16 Jim & Linda Dooley | 18 Gene & Wanda Warren |
| Charles & Lisa Langford | 23 Jay & Jenni Sciro |
| 17 Jim & Joyce Butler | |

Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:

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| Betty Biedenharn | Dalton Glatt | Rachelle Ferris |
| Hallie Jo Ragsdale | Catherine Riggs | Jim & Sherry Horan |
| Bertha Kolb | Lucas Guynes | Jim Dantin |
| Parker Ramsay | Linda & Jim Dooley | Millie Gassaway |
| Barbara Ramsay | Jackson Monti | Evan Olievera |
| Glenda Ferguson | Mary Ruth Jones | Bare Ahner |
| Charlie Brantley & Family | Ann Hanks | Kristi Biedenharn |
| Bob & Yvette | Karen Bates | Aryana T. Strawn (infant) |
| Walker Biedenharn | Frances Weissinger | The Wasson Family |
| Larry Lambiotte | Dan & Mary Carleton | The Greene Family |
| Richard & Margo Massey | Dale Gibson | Norma Jones |
| Dick Taylor | John Hardy | David McLaughlin |
| Selby Family | Damion Hansford | Mary Ellen Flowers |
| Libby Mulloy | Rebecca Clark | The Chaney Family |
| Erin Worthy | Mat Mitchell | Desi Leeann Eaton |
| Bill & Liz Curtis | Margie Scott | Juliah & John Brumley |
| Caroline Nation | Gina & Julia Raddatz | Gail Tuminello |
| Jennifer Minshew | Christine Frisbee | Jacob Downey |
| Trey Engelhart | Melva Powers | Glenda Thornton |
| Ellen Yates | Jimmy Bright | Carroll Sojourner |
| Ruth Green | Jean Walker | |

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in April

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
First Reading	Acts 5:27-32	Acts 9:1-6, 7-20	Acts 9:36-43	Acts 11:1-18
Psalm	Psalm 118:14-29	Psalm 30	Psalm 23	Psalm 148
Second Reading	Revelation 1:4-8	Revelation 5:11-14	Revelation 7:9-17	Revelation 21:1-6
Gospel	John 20:19-31	John 21:1-19	John 10:22-30	John 13:31-35
Lay Worship Leader				
8:30 a.m.	Theo Williams	Richard Price	Harvey Smith	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Ann Tompkins	David Pruett	Betsy Selby	Richard Price
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Shelnut	Harvey Smith	David Pruett	Susan Price
Old Testament Lector				
8:30 a.m.	Bitsy Segrest	Bitsy Segrest	Bitsy Segrest	Bitsy Segrest
11:00 a.m.	Ed Shelnut	Peter Meyers	Peter Williams	Mary Ruth Jones
Epistle Lector			Heaven Leigh	
Master of Ceremonies	Ann Tompkins	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes	Susan Price
Crucifer & Acolyte	Koury Collins Brantley Dunaway Mary Ellen Dunaway	Jennifer Normand Brantley Dunaway	Beth Guynes Peter Williams	Susan Price Canada Stewart
Holy Spirit Kite			Lawson Selby	
Gospel Bearer	Brantley Dunaway	Brantley Dunaway	Gabby Rushing	Brantley Dunaway
Crucifer (Wooden Cross)	Mary Ellen Dunaway	Mary Ellen Dunaway	Sunny Faith	Mary Ellen Dunaway
Torch Bearers			Gloria Hall Sam Hall	
Prayers of the People	Sharon Hanks	Rev. Josie	Bruce Carleton	Rev. Josie
Oblation Bearers	Laura Bieser Janice Herrington	Margaret Stewart Canada Stewart	Gloria Hall Sam Hall	Herb Jones Mary Ruth Jones
Ushers & Greeters	Dan Carleton Allan Leese	Lance Stewart Peter Meyers	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Leigh Divine Lance Stewart
Lord's Prayer			Brantley Dunaway Mary Ellen Dunaway	Canada Stewart
Altar Guild	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing
Coffee Host	Jennifer Normand Koury Collins Ann Tompkins	Cynthia Strawn Betty Rushing Bonnie Pruett	Rev. Billie Betsy Selby Wilma Mitchell	Mary Ruth & Herb Jones Rymn & Joan Parsons
Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby Betty Rushing	Betsy Selby Betty Rushing	No Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby Betty Rushing
Offertory Counters	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Rymn Parson Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Theo Williams
Healing Service	April 6 Ann Tompkins	April 13 Tommy Skinner	April 20 Theo Williams	April 27 Tommy Skinner