



# The Albanac

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**April 2017**



*St. Alban's Lenten Arts Series*

# Lenten Concert Series Delights Audiences



Patrick Smith Band  
*Blues, Soul, Jazz & Gospel Music*



John Paul, Lute-Harpsichord  
*J. S. Bach Concert*



Full Circle

*Bluegrass and Spirituals*



Joanne Ryan, Julia Blake & Nicholas Black



Tyler Kemp, Accompanist



Mandy Spivak, Soprano  
*Celebrating Mary, the Mother of Jesus*

# Lenten Soup Dinners



# Youth Group Enjoys Field Trip to Jackson Children's Museum and the Natural Science Museum



Gloria Hall, Sunny Faith, Jack Tompkins, John Price Tompkins, Sam Hall, Heaven Leigh



Gabby Rushing



Gloria Hall



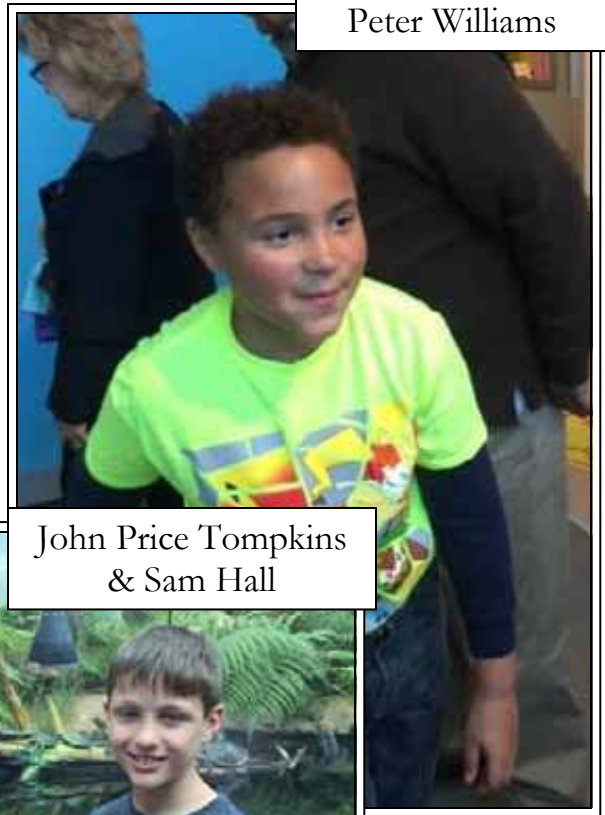
Heaven Leigh



Sunny Faith



Jack Tompkins  
& Lawson Selby



Peter Williams



John Price Tompkins  
& Sam Hall



Lawson Selby, Jack Tompkins  
& Courtney Taylor, chaperone



Gloria Hall

## †Billie's Corner



Lent 2017 is almost over. Some of us have stayed with our Lenten disciplines that we initiated on Ash Wednesday. Others of us have not! The journey through the season of Lent is a reflection of our journey through life—sometimes our plans work out and sometimes they don't. Nothing is wasted. God meets us where we are.

The purpose of this letter is not to make anyone feel guilty if your intentions have not become your realities. This letter is intended for everyone, no matter where you find yourself on the Lenten journey. I am here to say that there is more Lent ahead—more opportunities to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness as we make our way through the final weeks of Lent and into Holy Week—through the cross that leads to resurrection—from death to life.

My Lenten practice is the same as my morning practice every day of the year. I start my day with the *daily offering* from the *Brothers of Saint John the Evangelist*, an Episcopal monastic community in Massachusetts. First thing each morning, I reach for my cell phone and open my email to read the daily meditation from SSJE. This low-tech, old gray-haired lady begins each day accessing the mysterious power of the internet by way of my cell phone. For those of you who are computer savvy and comfortable with technology, my amazement might sound ridiculous. But, not for anyone who lets technology get the best of you—you are among those who understand that my phone does things that were “science fiction” when I was a child. Now, as we live into the age of technology, I can read the daily meditations on my cell phone and even listen to the Brothers speak by way of *YouTube*. Who'd of thought it!

Most importantly, whether the Lenten resources you rely on are high tech or low tech, do not get discouraged if you fail to complete all that you had planned. There is always tomorrow—there is always HOLY WEEK.

- On *Palm/Passion Sunday*, we can follow Jesus as he parades into Jerusalem, we can wave palms and sing “Hosanna in the highest.”
- On *Maundy Thursday*, we can surrender to Jesus and allow him to wash our feet, and then feed us the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation—we can hear Jesus tell us to love one another as he has loved us.
- On *Good Friday*, we can follow Jesus to his crucifixion, stay with him, suffer with him, and die with him; we can hear Jesus say, “*It is finished.*”
- At the *Great Vigil of Easter*, we can follow the Paschal Candle into the darkness of the tomb and watch as the darkness of death is transformed into the light of life—we can sing out *Alleluia* for the first time since Ash Wednesday.
- On *Easter Morning*, we can go to the tomb, thinking that the stone will be a problem to roll away from the entrance, only to discover that Jesus could not be contained in a sealed tomb—Jesus has risen out of death and into life and taken us with him into the assurance of eternal life.

*Alleluia, Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

In Peace  
Billie+



## † Josie's Journal



Easter is almost here. When the May *Albanac* comes out, Easter Day will have been celebrated and the *Great Fifty Days of Easter* will have begun (*Great Fifty Days* is from Easter Eve until *The Feast of Pentecost*).

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us, not because we deserve it, but because it is always His property to have mercy. Grace and mercy—unmerited favor and generosity—are gifts our Savior gives us. Are we willing to receive them? The gifts are ours for the asking. We just need to open our hearts to His grace and truth.

*The Confession of Sin* is omitted during the *Great Fifty Days* because Jesus died for our sins. We are free to bask in His love, forgiveness, grace and mercy. The choice is ours until the moment we draw our last breath on earth. During the *Confession of Sin*, we pray standing because Jesus has knelt for us. The *Alleluias* and the *Confession of Sin* return to the Holy Eucharist when the *Great Fifty Days* ends and *The Feast of Pentecost* begins.

If Jesus is not our Number One Priority, we pray that we will make the changes necessary to make *Him* so. By becoming His disciples, we are to be His hands, feet, and voice to the world—spreading the Good News to all ends of the earth. Perhaps we are reluctant to become disciples because we don't feel worthy. But, by virtue of baptism, we are *Disciples of Christ*. The disciples of Jesus made mistakes and we will as well. But, as we grow in faith, we will continue to move forward through God's saving grace. "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God." (Ephesians 2:8)

When we participate in the Eucharist we are encouraged to *become what we receive*—leading others to accept Christ as their savior. "Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee."

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord (Alleluia! Alleluia!)

Josie+

## April Birthdays

- |                        |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Charlotte Biedenharn | 15 Joan Parsons       |
| 2 Jay Harper           | 18 Jennifer Harper    |
| Tammy Kitchens         | Maggi McCarthy        |
| 7 Ruth Green           | 23 Jack Monti         |
| 8 Olivia Lee           | 27 Ford Biedenharn    |
| 10 Amy Burr            | Sarah Jane Selby      |
| Hayden Guynes          | 29 Liz Curtis         |
| Chad Toups             | Frank W. Skinner, Jr. |
| 12 Payton Fulgham      | 30 Allison Nieto      |

## April Anniversaries

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 16 Jim & Linda Dooley   | 17 Jim & Joyce Butler  |
| Charles & Lisa Langford | 18 Gene & Wanda Warren |

## Prayers for the People

### For those Sick or in Need:

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|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Alan Kolodny                           | Dr. Peter Boelens                     | Larry Sanders                  |
| AmeriCorps Youth                       | Drew Kitchens                         | Linda & Jim Dooley             |
| Angie Standish                         | Elizabeth Senter                      | Linda Walker                   |
| Anita Collins Family                   | Ellen Newsome                         | Liz Curtis & Family            |
| Ann Hanks                              | Frank Skinner                         | Lucas Guynes                   |
| Ann Jones & Family                     | Glenda Ferguson                       | Mary Ann Seage                 |
| Barbara Ramsay                         | Hallie Jo Ragsdale                    | Mary Ruth Jones                |
| Bertha Kolb                            | Herb Jones                            | Martha Benson                  |
| Betty Biedenharn                       | Jackson Monti                         | Meredith Brumfield             |
| Cappy Jeffers                          | Jean Hall                             | Norma Jones                    |
| Carol Simmons Family                   | Jean Hartley                          | Parker Ramsay                  |
| Charlie Brantley & Family              | Jim & Sherry Horan                    | Rachelle Ferris                |
| Christine Nelson Family                | Jim Dantin                            | Richard & Margo Massey         |
| Dale Gibson                            | Josie Williams                        | Family of Rt. Rev. Chip Marble |
| Dalton Glatt                           | Kathy Ann Harrison                    | Shirley Lowery Powers          |
| Damion Hansford                        | Kenon Ruska                           | Sue & Milton Richardson        |
| Dan & Mary Carleton                    | Kristi Biedenharn                     | Selby Family                   |
| David Hinston                          | Lambiotte Family                      | Wilma Mitchell                 |
| Tornado Victims in Hattiesburg & Petal | Wildfire Victims in Oklahoma & Kansas |                                |

## Schedule of Events

### 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 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)

**Wednesday, April 5**—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 5**—Healing Service, 6:00 PM, Soup Dinner, 6:30 PM, Vicksburg High School Madrigal Singers, Angela Chapin, Conductor, 7:00 PM

**Saturday, April 8**—ECW Field Trip to Eudora Welty House, 1119 Pinehurst Street, Jackson. Tour begins at 9:00 AM; Lunch at 11:30 AM. Drive individually or join the caravan that will depart St. Alban's at 8:00 AM

**Sunday April 9**—Second Sundays at St. Mary's, Bolton, 4:00 PM. Stations of the Cross will be presented by voice majors from Mississippi College, under the direction of Kipp Gill, with reading by Mary Ruth Jones and Harvey Smith

### HOLY WEEK

**Sunday, April 9**—Palm Sunday, Palm Procession & Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

**Monday & Tuesday, April 10 & 11**—Stations of the Cross with Meditative Vocal & Instrumental Music, 6:00 PM

**Wednesday, April 12**—Healing Service & Eucharist, Meditative Vocal & Instrumental Music, 6:00 PM

**Maundy Thursday, April 13**—Liturgy of the Washing of the Feet and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, 6:00 PM

**Good Friday, April 14**—Liturgy of the Crucifixion, 6:00 PM

**Holy Saturday, April 15**—Morning Prayer 8:30 AM. The Great Easter Vigil, 6:00 PM

**Easter Sunday, April 16**—Feast of the Resurrection, Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
Easter Reception, following the 8:30 & 11:00 AM Eucharist  
Easter Egg Hunt, 10:00 AM

**Monday, April 17**—Church office will be closed

**Thursday, April 20**—Vestry Meeting 6:00 PM

## ECW Field Trip to Eudora Welty House, April 8



All women (and men) are invited to tour the **Eudora Welty House** and grounds on Saturday, **April 8th**. Lunch will follow at the **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 Pinehurst St. Jackson

# Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in April

	<b>April 2</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent	<b>April 9</b> Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday	<b>April 16</b> Easter Sunday Feast of the Resurrection	<b>April 23</b> Second Sunday in Easter	<b>April 30</b> Third Sunday in Easter
<b>First Reading</b>	Ezekiel 37:1-14		Acts 10:34-43	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Acts 2:14a, 36-41
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 130		Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	Psalm 16	Psalm 116:1-3,10-17
<b>Second Reading</b>	Romans 8:6-11		Colossians 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-23
<b>Gospel</b>	John 11:1-45		John 20:1-28	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35
		<b>Holy Week Schedules will be sent out separately</b>	<b>Easter Reception after 8:30 &amp; 11:00 Services; Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM</b>		
<b>LWL 8:30 AM</b>	Tommy Skinner		Harvey Smith	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Theo Williams		Betsy Selby	Richard Price	David Pruett
<b>MC</b>	Josie Williams		Beth Guynes	Susan Price	Jennifer Normand
<b>Lector 8:30 AM</b>	Penny Freund		Bitsy Sloan	Penny Freund	Bitsy Sloan
<b>11:00 AM</b>	Ed Shelnut		Lance Stewart	Sharon Hanks	Mary Ruth Jones
<b>Epistle Lector</b>			Lawson Selby		
<b>Psalm Leader</b>			Peter Williams		
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Koury Collins		Beth Guynes Sam & Gloria Hall Peter Williams Harris Southall Michael Southall	Kerri Williams Canada Stewart	Herb Jones
<b>Banner Bearer</b>			Gabby Rushing	Canada Stewart	Herb Jones
<b>Crucifer (Wooden)</b>			Heaven Leigh Sunny Faith		
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Deacon Josie		Bruce Carleton	Harvey Smith	Sharon Hanks
<b>Torch Bearers</b>			Leigh Devine Lance Stewart	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Rymn Parsons Joan Parsons
<b>Prayers of People</b>	Deacon Josie		Jonah Artman Josh Artman	Alan Leese Lance Stewart	David Normand Ann Tompkins
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	Michael Southall Sally Southall		Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Richard Price Susan Price	Herb Jones Harvey Smith
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter		Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey
<b>Note: Standing Communion Station</b>	Deacon Josie Theo Williams		<b>Easter Reception Please Bring Potluck Easter Goodies</b>	Ann Tompkins Betsy Selby	Bitsy Sloan Jennifer Normand
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing			
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter	Betty Rushing Rev. Billie			
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	Courtney Taylor	Bonnie Pruett	TBD	Ann Tompkins	Jennifer Normand
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby		Betsy Selby	Betsy Selby
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Michael Southall	Rymn Parsons Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Herb Jones	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Betsy Selby	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
<b>Healing Service</b>	<b>April 5</b> Ann Tompkins	<b>April 12</b> Tommy Skinner	<b>April 19</b> David Pruett	<b>April 26</b> Theo Williams	