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# Reception Celebrating Billie's Return from Sabbatical



## Marci Turner

Received into the Order of Oblates of Saint Julian of Norwich



St. Alban's takes great pride in the fact that one of our church members, Marci Turner, was received into *The Order of Julian of Norwich* as an oblate. The ceremony took place on June 1, 2016, when Marci attended the retreat and *Julianfest* in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Not many people realize that the Episcopal Church has religious orders—communities of nuns who live in convents and monks who live in monasteries.

So what is an oblate? Oblates are laity or clergy who have associated with a religious community and are committed by vows to a structured rule of life closely modeled on that of the contemplative monastic order. In Marci's case, she went through a year of preparation that included monthly written oblate reports, study, prayer, spiritual direction and regular communication with one of the sisters and the oblate formation director.



How in the world did Marci become as oblate? It all began with her sense of call to a prayerful life that included the silence of Centering Prayer, as well as the Daily Office, *Lectio Divino* and the Eucharist. Marci was searching for order in her life and the structure that being part of a community would provide. God guides us in a wide variety of ways—from listening to prayers, to reading books

and even searching the Internet for relevant sources. Marci found *The Order of Julian of Norwich* as she networked through links on Episcopal Church websites.

*The Episcopal Order of Julian of Norwich* was founded in 1985 in Wisconsin. It is a religious community of nuns and monks who find their inspiration from the life of prayer of St. Julian of Norwich, a 14th century anchoress and mystic, who lived in a tiny cell attached to a church. St. Julian's frequently repeated quote is:

*"All shall be well and all manner of things shall be well."*



As an oblate, Marci will not move to Wisconsin to live within the monastery. Oblates continue to live in the world and are connected to the religious community by way of their common commitment to daily prayer and their vows. Regular communication with members of the religious community who live in the monastery and other oblates that live throughout the country are a means of commonality and support.

The annual retreat and *Julianfest* that takes place every summer in Wisconsin provides the opportunity for the oblates, nuns and monks to gather, celebrate and reaffirm their lives together. As Marci begins her affiliation with the Order of Julian of Norwich, St. Alban's Church will support her with love and in prayer.

*"The basis of mercy is love, and the action of mercy is our protection in love, and this shown in such a manner that I could not conceive of the property of mercy in any other way than as if were all love in love."*

—Julian of Norwich

## † Billie's Corner

## Sauntering Pathways



One of the books I read while on sabbatical was Henry David Thoreau's *Walking*. Thoreau described the art of walking as *sauntering*—a leisurely stroll for the beauty of it. Not with the purpose of getting a physical workout—not with the purpose of accomplishing anything. Just for the experience of moving— of sauntering through the woods.

After reading Thoreau's book, I decided that I would saunter instead of planning how long I would walk and what distance I would walk. I would not give a thought to my heart rate or the benefits of aerobic walking. I was going to saunter through the woods behind my cabin and stroll along the edge of the lake. I was going to think great thoughts and see incredible beauty.

However, it was not that simple. I was programmed to take purposeful steps while swinging my arms in order to get the most benefit out of walking. Once again, I was reminded of how fast paced and goal oriented my life was. Thoreau wrote, "*I think I cannot preserve my health and spirits, unless I spend time each day sauntering through the woods and over the hills and fields.*" Sounds like sauntering has beneficial features that are not included in "power walks."

When I walk with the intention of getting a designated amount of time exercising my body, my mind is usually in high gear planning the future and reviewing the past. When I saunter, my body delights in moving and my eyes take in sights that I miss when I am focused on keeping up my stride. My ears hear the sounds of the birds, insects and the wind moving through the trees.

After returning to the rectory following my sabbatical, I picked up Margaret Guenther's book, *Walking Home, from Eden to Emmaus*. Margaret Guenther, the mother of four children, is an Episcopal priest who never learned to drive a car. She grew up in Manhattan where a car was far more trouble than it was worth.

Margaret's book explores biblical stories that involve walking—beginning with Adam and Eve walking out of the garden to Cleopas and his companion walking the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus. She sees theological insights in 'walking stories' found in the Bible - while at the same time - offering insights related to her own lifetime of walking. I could not resist comparing her experience of walking with my own.

Margaret writes about walking in the country, *"I like to experience my world up close... I love to walk on a dirt road in late summer watching the butterflies congregate around a damp spot on the ground."* She also writes about walking in the city, *"I love to walk in strange cities, enjoying the adventure of getting lost."* She finally relented to the demands of safety by carrying a card on her on which was written: *"This person is a guest at the \_\_\_\_\_ Hotel. In other words, "If you find this demented woman wandering around and obviously lost, put her in a cab and send her back to the hotel."*

While visiting my daughter, I spent time exploring the streets of New York City. I guess if I had found myself totally disorientated in Manhattan I could have referred to my hotel passkey and gotten a cab back. I also spent time wandering through the woods that surround Lake Enid near my home. The State Park Ranger knows me and would have led me back to my cabin if necessary. I don't spend a lot of time worrying about possible dangers. Instead, my time is spent looking at my surroundings and I'm grateful for the rural landscape and the urban cityscape—wherever I happen to be—including Bovina, Mississippi.

In Peace

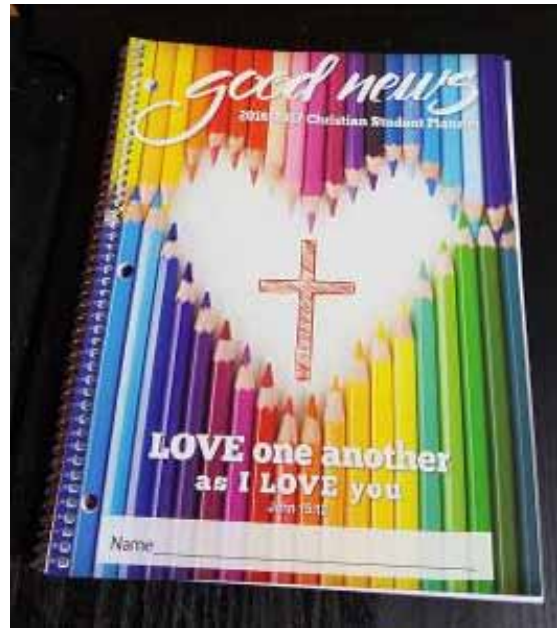
Billie+

## ✝ Josie's Journal

### Commencement

Commencement is defined as *beginning*, or *start*. School will kick off on August 8, 2016 and St. Alban's has already begun purchasing book bags and school supplies for some of the students. We are also giving gift cards to those in need of a uniform.

Commencement is usually thought to be a graduation ceremony where students receive a diploma. However, in order to make it to commencement, the student must have completed 14 years of schooling—beginning with Pre-K and Kindergarten then on to grades 1–12. To this end, six elementary schools in the Vicksburg Warren School District, including Bovina, have initiated an innovative program, *The Leader in Me* that enables teachers to help each child to reach their full potential. Within the program is a class, *Character Education*, designed to instill within the students the concept of treating others as they want to be treated themselves. Also, to accept responsibility for their actions. All parents need to help their children along the scholastic journey.



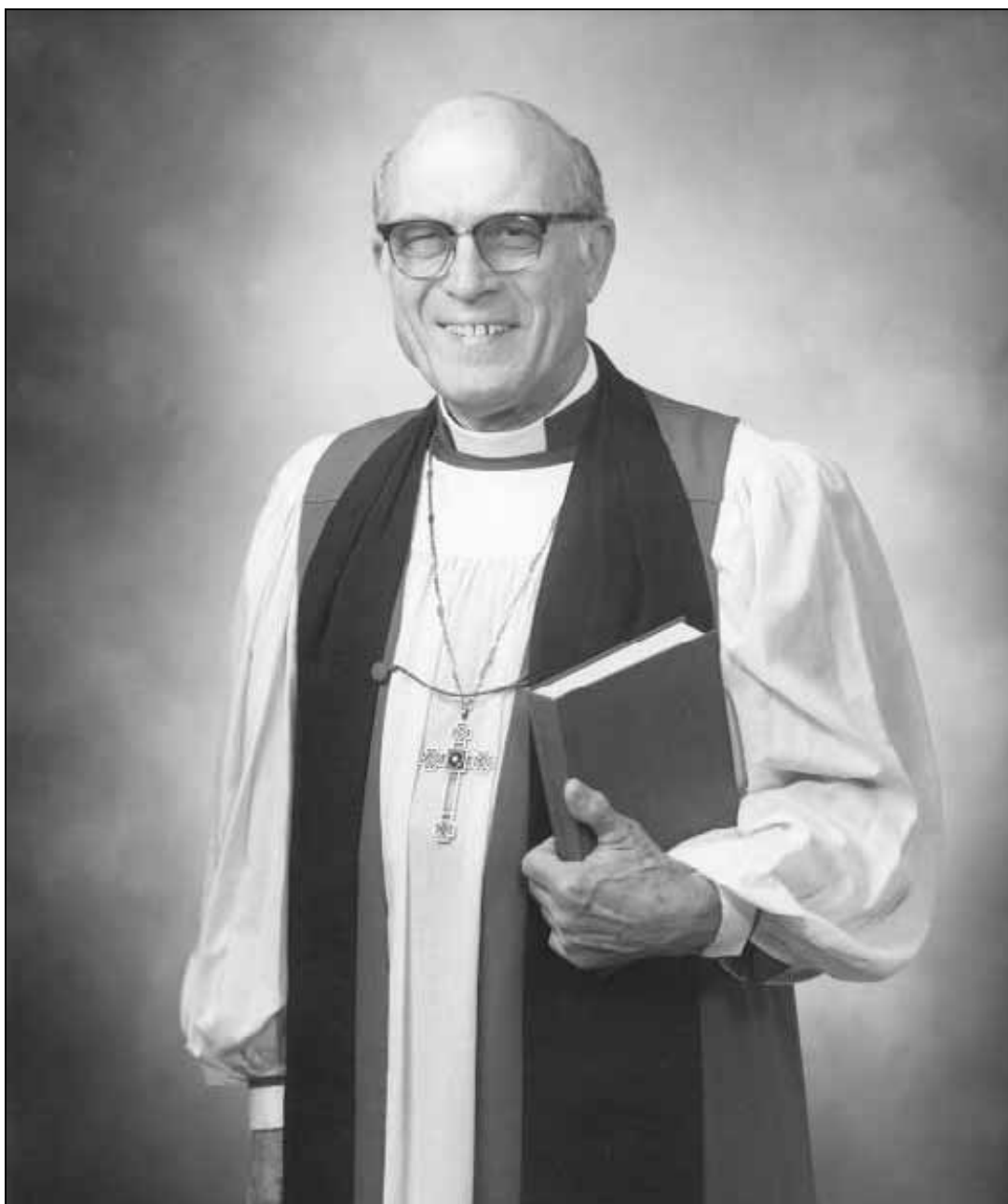
Rev. Billie will bless the children as they start the 2016 school year. If we can instill the importance of first things first—God always being first—the children can be successful. It is essential that parents and teachers encourage the children to aim for lofty goals.

As we embark on a new school year let us pray for the children, school principals, teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria staff, maintenance staff, secretaries, librarians and counselors. We also pray that, as the year unfolds, God will touch and empower the children to do their best in all that they do – and most importantly – to put God first.

*“Attitudes are contagious. Is yours worth catching?”*

Christ Peace,  
Josie+

*In Loving Memory*  
*The Right Reverend Duncan Gray, Jr.*  
*Seventh Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi*  
*September 21, 1926—July 15, 2016*



*For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Romans 8: 38-39*



## August Birthdays

1	Beth Sojourner Terri Ulmer	21	Kate Abraham Norma Jones
4	Woody Hanks	22	Mason Selby
6	David Normand	23	Carter Guynes Edward Shelnut
7	Mary Michael Southall	24	Julia Lee
15	Greg Williamson	26	Bobby Barlow Cynthia Strawn
17	Jake Artman Josh Artman Bill Curtis	27	Jean Ethridge Terry Guynes James Price
19	Bo Gayle David Wright		

## August Anniversaries

3	Russell & Stacey Sumrall	21	Allan & Joan Leese Robert & Terri Ulmer
13	Rymn & Joan Parsons	27	Bryan & Joy Brabston, Jr.
14	Burke & Barbara Torrey		
20	Herb & Mary Ruth Jones		

## Prayers for the People

### For those Sick or in Need:

Ann Hanks	Erin Worthy	Martha Benson
Aryana T. Strawn (infant)	Frederick Barnett Carlton IV	Millie Gassaway
Barbara Ramsay	Glenda Ferguson	Norma Jones
Bare Ahner	Glenda Normand	Parker Ramsay
Bertha Kolb	Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Rachelle Ferris
Betty Biedenharn	Jackson Monti	Rebecca Clark
Bill & Liz Curtis	Jean Walker	Richard Massey
Brenda Winters	Jim & Sherry Horan	Roger Simmons
Brian Buchanan	Jim Dantin	Rose Akers Kellum
Charles Artman	Jimmy & Mamie	Rt. Rev. A. C. "Chip" Marble
Charlie Brantley & Family	John Tompkins	Ruth Green
Christine Frisbee	Larry Lambiotte	Sara Margaret Porter & Family
Dale Gibson	Gene & Libby Mulloy	Sarah Champion Puckett
Dalton Glatt	Linda & Jim Dooley	The Allen Family
Damion Hansford	Lucas Guynes	The Selby Family
Dan & Mary Carleton	Mary Ann Seage	Walker Biedenharn
Dorothy Grady	Mary Ruth Jones	

## Schedule of Events

### Weekly Activities & Services

#### Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

#### Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Choir Practice, 10:00 AM

#### 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

**Wednesday, August 3**—First Wednesday Quiet Day, 7 AM—7 PM

*Come in, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace.*

Morning Prayer, 9:00 AM

Centering Prayer, 9:30 AM

*Silence*

Noonday Prayer

*Silence*

Evening Prayer, 4:00 PM

Centering Prayer, 4:30 PM

**Tuesday, August 16**—Vestry Meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

**Sunday, August 20**—Ministry Revival CANCELLED

# Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in August

	<b>August 7</b> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>August 14</b> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>August 21</b> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>August 28</b> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
<b>First Reading</b>	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Isaiah 5:1-7	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Jeremiah 2:4-13
<b>Psalm</b>	Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18	Psalm 71:1-6	Psalm 81:1, 10-16
<b>Second Reading</b>	Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Hebrews 12:18-29	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 12:32-40	Luke 12:49-56	Luke 13:10-17	Luke 14:1, 7-14
			<b>Children's Eucharist</b>	
<b>Lay Worship Leader</b>				
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Tommy Skinner	Harvey Smith	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Richard Price	Herb Jones	Betsy Selby	David Pruett
<b>Master of Ceremonies</b>	Susan Price	Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
<b>OT Lector</b>				
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan	Bitsy Sloan
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Jeff Artman	Lance Stewart	Kristi Hall	Ed Shelnut
<b>Epistle Lector</b>			Gloria Hall (Psalm)	
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Herb Jones	Canada Stewart	Beth Guynes Peter Williams	Koury Collins
<b>Crucifer (Wooden)</b>			Harris Southall	
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Jennifer Normand
<b>Torch Bearers</b>			Lawson Selby Sam Hall	
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Sharon Hanks	Harvey Smith	Bruce Carleton	Deacon Josie
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	Anita Collins Mary Ruth Jones	Janice Herrington Betty Rushing	Heaven Leigh & Sunny Faith	Marci Turner Lisa Langford
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Charlie Brantley Allan Leese	Lance Stewart Leigh Devine	Josh & Jonah Artman	Bruce Carleton David Normand
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Deacon Josie Susan Price	Deacon Josie Ann Tompkins	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Deacon Josie Ed Shelnut
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey
<b>Coffee Host</b>	<b>Tompkins Anniversary Catered Reception</b>	Cynthia Strawn Rev. Billie	Penny Freund Ann Tompkins	Butch Mitchell Bonnie Pruett
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>	Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins	Ann Tompkins	Bonnie Pruett
<b>Children's Chapel</b>		<b>No Children's Chapel during the summer months</b>		
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Rymn Parsons Janice Herrington Theo Williams	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Herb Jones	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Sharon	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand
	<b>August 3</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Healing Service</b>	Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner	Theo Williams	David Pruett