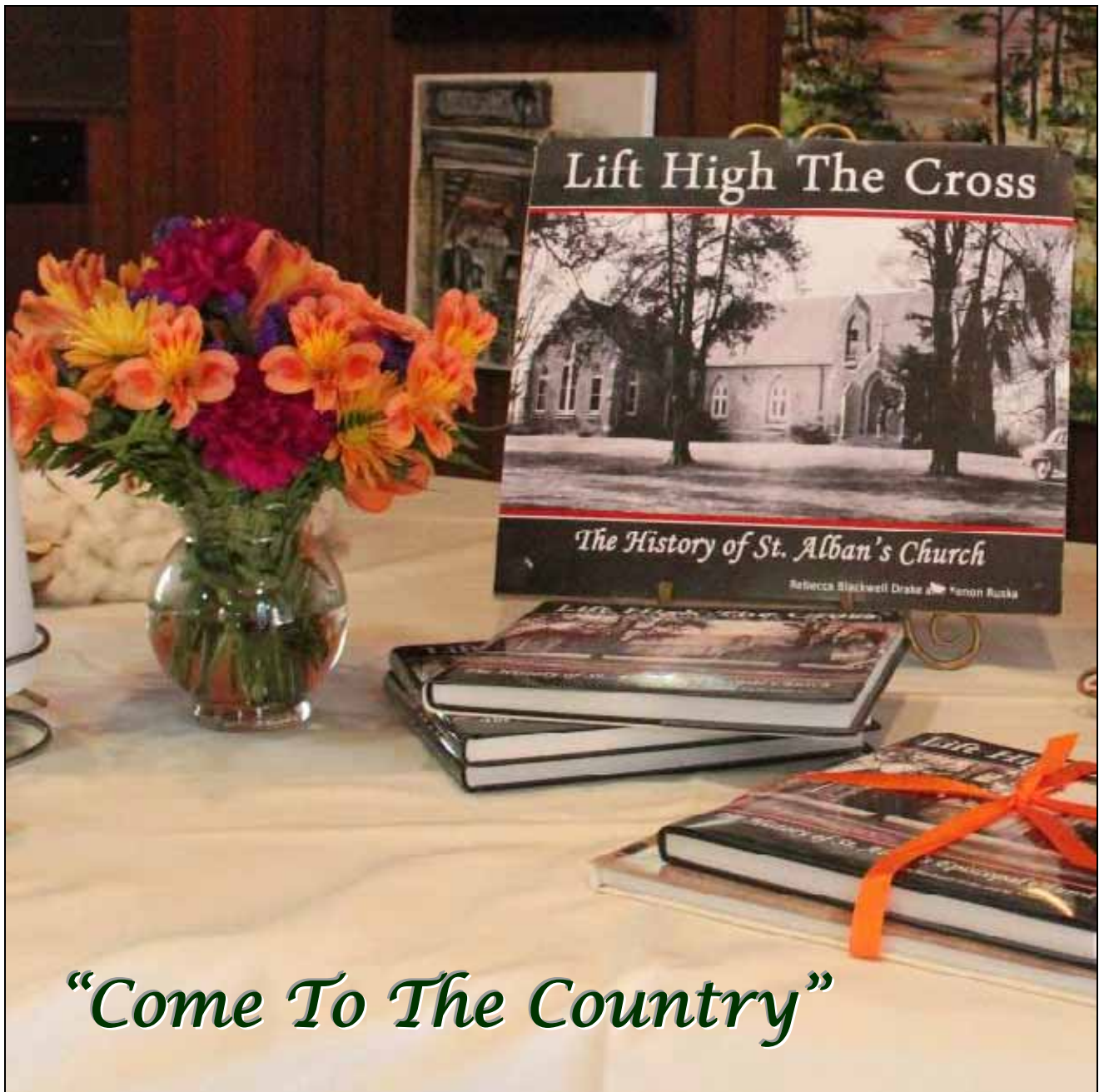




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*“Come To The Country”*

## *Dinner On The Grounds—Rooted in History*

St. Alban's community is busy preparing to host one of the most popular events of the year—*Dinner on the Grounds*—an annual tradition deeply rooted in the past. Work is already in progress for the 2017 occasion to be held Sunday, October 29 immediately following the 11 o'clock Eucharist. Choir members and those serving in the Eucharist will exchange their vestments for black aprons sporting the church logo, "Come to the Country." The smell of smoked pork cooking on the grill will be wafting through the air and Ralph Miller, musician extraordinaire, will be strumming his guitar and singing.

The origin of the 158-year-old tradition of *Dinner on the Grounds* was discovered in the 1859 *Journal* of Wm Mercer Green, first bishop of Mississippi, who served the diocese from 1850–1887. The tradition of *Dinner on the Grounds* officially began May 5, 1859, when Bishop Green traveled to Bovina to consecrate St. Alban's, a new church in the diocese. He was delighted to find a large and energized congregation assembled for the important event. To his delight, he not only consecrated St. Alban's Church but also confirmed nineteen people during the service.

The bishop later wrote a lengthy entry in his *Journal* giving details of the consecration of St. Alban's. The entry ended with the mention of a 'meal' on the grounds: "At the close of the protracted services, a plentiful collation [light meal] was enjoyed under the beautiful and wide spreading beech trees adjoining the Church."

It was a glorious and historic day for the community of St. Alban's.



Early 1950s—Children and adults enjoying "*Dinner on the Grounds*" at St. Alban's





1950's photograph of *Dinner on the Grounds* captures adults enjoying lingering visit while the children engage in a game of croquette.



*Classic photograph of St. Alban's Church, courtesy of the late Eleanor Scott Price, is featured on the cover of "Lift High the Cross: The History of St. Alban's Church."*

# Sunday School Kickoff



Kristi & Gloria Hall



Allison Rushing



Mason, Betsy & Lawson Selby

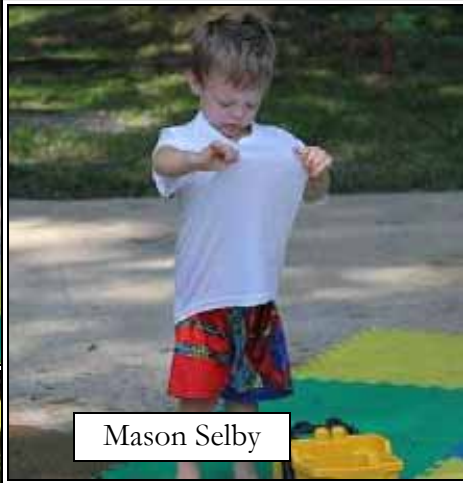




Julian Toliver & Mary Southall



Harris Southall



Mason Selby



Mary Southall



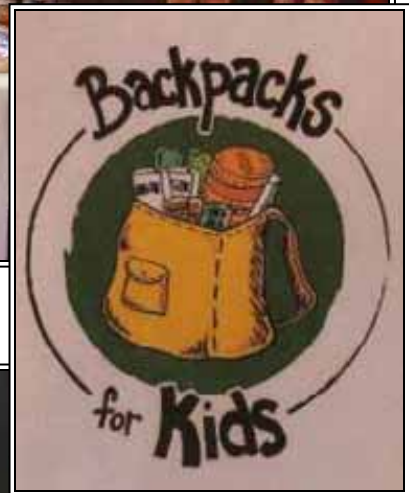
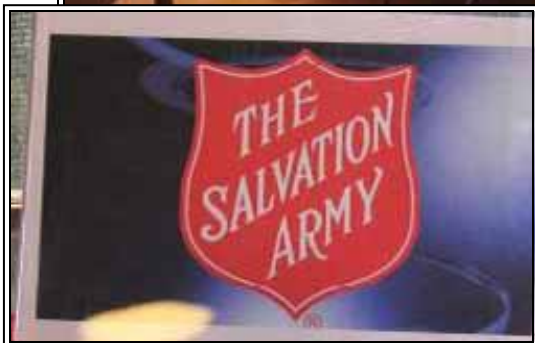
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Gabby Rushing

# Community Outreach

## *Backpacks for Kids & The Salvation Army*





## † Billie's Corner

## GRACE – GRATITUDE – GENEROSITY

Celebrating Grace with Gratitude – Sharing Gratitude with Generosity

While sitting on the beach last summer, I did what I do so often; I read a book for a while and then I gaze up and take in sight of the water and the sky and the horizon. It is a sight that never ceases to stir up a sense of wonder and appreciation within me. Something must have swept over me as I was gazing out at the beauty because the next thing I knew, I was writing about stewardship on the inside cover page of the book I was reading.

The beach is a place of rest and refreshment that allows me to get a fresh perspective. Perhaps what had seeped into my unconsciousness was the awareness of God's grace and generosity. Not only does the beach provide rest, it is the gathering place for my family. Stewardship is caring for God's gifts—the beach is the place where a longing to be a good steward of God's gifts seems to be so close to the surface of my thoughts. The beach is a place that arouses gratitude.

Although I am not at the beach now, what I wrote is worth sharing at this time of the year as our community gives special attention to Stewardship—our caring and sharing of God's abundant gifts to us.

*The true spirit of stewardship is about unconditional love—God loves us unconditionally. God doesn't parcel out God's love to particular areas of our lives. God loves it all—the good and the bad. God's love nourishes the good and God's love offers healing to the bad. God loves us with no strings attached.*

*When we give, we give out of God's unconditional generosity to us—love that is free of any constraints. When we open our hearts and give without any stipulations, we get a taste of the Kingdom of God. We are free from any self-imposed limitations and we are wide open to God.*

Stewardship is our *Gratitude* for God's *Grace* and *Generosity*.

In Peace,

Billie

## † Josie's Journal



As the fall season approaches, St. Alban's is busy preparing for the annual *Ingathering Sunday*—a time when church member's pledge gifts of time, talent and treasure to be harvested for the glory of God.

*Ingathering Sunday* is held annually during the month of October when, in preparation for the coming year, church members sign pledge cards (gifts of treasure) and fill out time & talent sheets as a way of giving back to God. During the service, the gifts are placed in the offering plate as the congregation stands to sing the Doxology.

At St. Alban's, the harvesting of gifts for the 'less fortunate' continues year-round. Two ongoing missions are to supply food items for the *Salvation Army* and *Backpack for Kids*. Sadly, when school is not in session, approximately twenty students from the Dana Road Elementary School and Vicksburg Intermediate School have little or no food to eat during weekends and holidays. The weekly donations of ramen noodles, peanut butter crackers, macaroni and cheese cups, Jell-O, fruit bars and juice are used to fill their backpacks. On Fridays, grocery bags laden with food items are delivered to the schools where the children's backpacks are filled. Last week St. Alban's delivered fifteen bags. This is a weekly thing. Fill and refill! Feed the children!

The true spirit of giving at St. Alban's is exemplified by our abundant generosity and love for others. Your support helps not only the children but also the most vulnerable people with opportunities to lift themselves out of unimaginable hardships.

Often I am asked, "Why does St. Alban's do this?" My response is, "It is who we are. It is in our DNA." Thank you St. Alban's. You are a blessing to so many people—including my family.

Love from your deacon,

Josie



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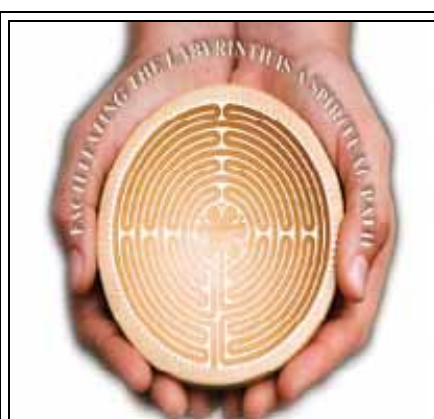
Cantoring and Congregational Song  
Ann Phelps



Contemplative Prayer with Anglican  
Rosary, Rev. Greg Proctor



Flower for Sacred Spaces  
Mary Sims & Jan Palm



Veriditas Labyrinth Facilitator  
Rev. Dr. Kay Mutert



## Coming in October

*Blessing of the Animals—October 1, 8:30 & 11:00 AM*



*Dinner on the Grounds—October 29, Noon—2:00 PM*

St. Alban's is busy planning for *Dinner on the Grounds* to take place on Sunday, October 29. We need volunteers to presale tickets and help prepare for the event. This includes everything from



Leigh Devine, Sharon Hanks, Betty Rushing, Deacon Josie, Cassandra Price

setup to takedown. Sign-up sheets for will be provided in the coming weeks. The menu will be smoked pulled pork (prepared by Chris Price), baked beans, slaw, bread, tea, and dessert. The ECW *Country Market* will be selling fresh & frozen casseroles and soups as well as other items — cakes, pies, candies, jams, gift baskets and the latest ECW Cookbook. Contact number for St. Alban's Church is 601-636-6687. If you have any questions about *Dinner on the Grounds*, contact Betsy Selby, Beth Guynes or Sharon Hanks. A golf cart will be available for those who need a ride.

## October Birthdays

3	Margaret Stewart Rachel Sullivan	20	Michael Southall
4	Key Davis	22	Stanley Lee
8	Allan Leese	23	Mary Ann Wright
8	Michael Morrissey	24	Jim Dooley Ann Tompkins
9	Wanda Warren	25	Jack Abraham Marci Turner Peter Williams
15	Mickey Barlow Allison Rushing	28	James Drake
16	Anita Bonar	30	Bill Davis
19	Annadele Toups Annie Savant	31	Wilma Mitchell

## October Anniversaries

6	David & Jennifer Normand	21	Scott & Amy Burr
10	Joel & Colby Langford	25	Craig & Alicia Arseneau
18	Bill & Lynda Horan Hubbard		

## Prayers for the People

### For those Sick or in Need:

Allen & Nancy Tetter	Helen "Briggie" Emerick	Mary Ann Seage
AmeriCorps Youth	Hollis Newman	Michael Morrissey
Ann Hanks	Jackson Monti	Mike Bieser
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Jim & Sherry Horan	Norma Jones
Barbara Ramsay	Jim Dantin	Parker Ramsay
Bertha Kolb	Jim Jones	Paula Bandy
Betty Biedenharn	John Hardy	Peggy Lynn
Bryan Brabston	Kristi Biedenharn	Philip Summerlin
Carol Green	Larry Sanders	Rachelle Ferris
Dalton Glatt	Linda & Jim Dooley	Ray & Marlene McLaurin
Damion Hansford	Liz Curtis Family	Selby Parker Family
Dan & Mary Carleton	Lucas Guynes	Lance Tompkins Family
Dee Ross-Negrete	Margarette Swett	The Selby Family
Glenda Ferguson	Martha Benson	Vicky Massey
Hallie Jo Ragsdale	Mary Jo Wright	Timothy Wright
		Vicki Massey

Victims of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose and Maria  
Victims of the Earthquake in Mexico



## 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  
 Adult Sunday School, 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  
 Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM  
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

#### Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, Noon

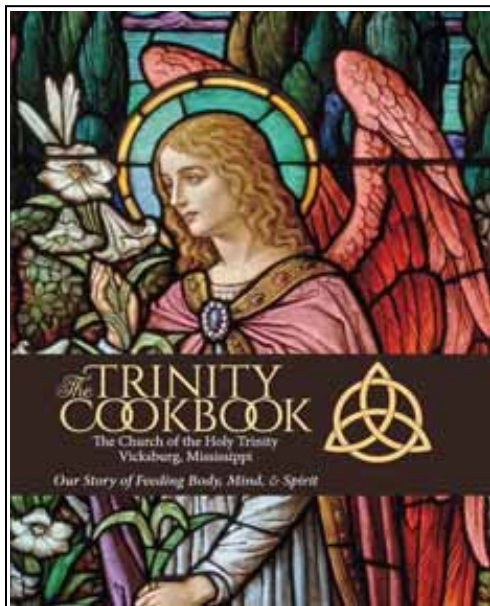
**Sunday, October 1**—*Blessing of the Animals* (Outdoor chapel)

Sandwich Ministry at St. Alexis –leave church at 3:00 PM for 4:00 PM meeting

**Wednesday, October 4**—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—*Silence*—Noonday Prayer—*Silence*—Evening Prayer, 4:00 PM



**Thursday, October 5**—Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, 900 South Street, Vicksburg, Celebration of the publication of *The Trinity Cookbook*, 5:30 PM. Samples of food & beverage from the cookbook will be served

**Sunday, October 8**—St. Alban's *Ingathering & Potluck Luncheon*. Children's Chapel during 11:00 AM Eucharist

**Sunday, October 8**—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's*, Bolton, 4:00 PM, Campfire Hymn Sing

**Saturday, October 14**—ECW Field Trip to *Fall Flower and Garden Festival*, Crystal Springs. Sign-up sheet in Parish House

**Sunday, October 15**—*All Ages Game Day* following 11:00 AM Eucharist

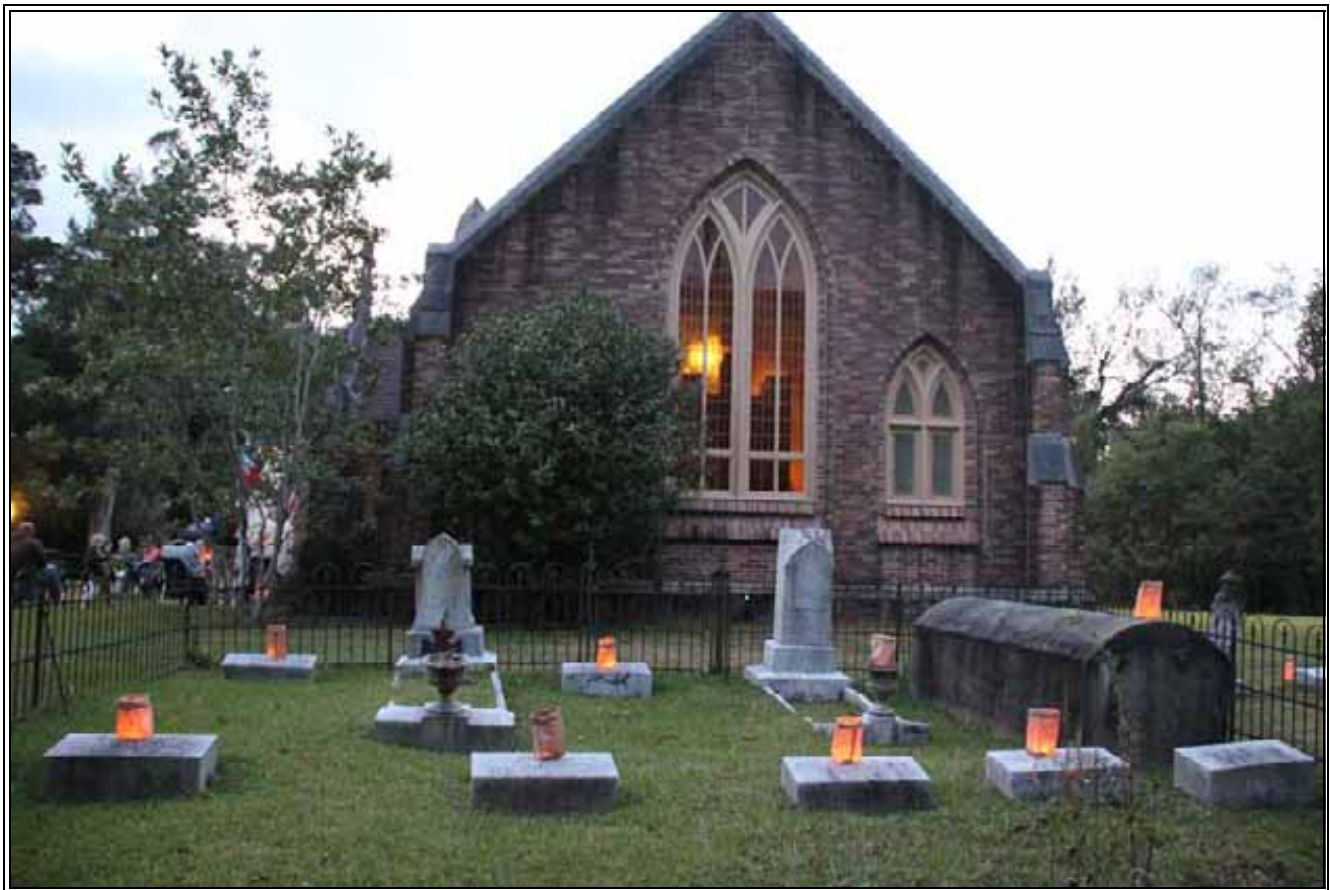
**Tuesday, October 17**—Vestry meeting, Parish House, 6:00 PM

**Thursday, October 26-31**—Macy Weaver & Gray Weaver will appear in the Vicksburg Theatre Guild's production of *The Addams Family Musical*

**Sunday, October 29**—*Dinner on the Grounds* (no choir practice or Sunday School)  
Chapel Children will help with Dinner of the Grounds. Nursery to open 10:00 AM

**Monday, October 30**—Chapel Children will help serve supper at *Keystone Ministries Soup Kitchen*, Washington Street, Vicksburg

**Wednesday, November 1**—*All Saint's Day Memorial Services*, Luminaries and Evening Prayer, 6:00 PM





## Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in October

	<b>October 1</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>October 15</b>	<b>October 22</b>	<b>October 29</b>
	17 Pentecost (Proper 21) <b>Animal Blessing Outside Chapel</b>	18 Pentecost (Proper 22) <b>Ingrathering Potluck Lunch</b>	19 Pentecost (Proper 23)	20 Pentecost (Proper 24)	21 Pentecost (Proper 25) <b>Dinner on the Grounds</b>
<b>First Reading</b>	Exodus 17:1-7	Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12
<b>Psalms</b>	Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16	Psalms 19	Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23	Psalms 99	Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17
<b>Second Reading</b>	Philippians 2:1-13	Philippians 3:4-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 21:23-32	Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46
<b>LWL</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> Theo Williams <b>11:00 AM</b> David Pruett	Harvey Smith Ann Tompkins	Tommy Skinner Betsy Selby	Theo Williams Herb Jones	Harvey Smith Richard Price
<b>MC</b>		Deacon Josie	Beth Guynes	Jenny Newman	Susan Price
<b>OT Lector</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b> Penny Freund <b>11:00 AM</b> Ed Shelnut	Penny Freund Peter Meyers	Penny Freund Macy Weaver	Penny Freund Dawn Rickard	Penny Freund Jenny Newman
<b>Epistle Reader</b>			Lawson Selby		
<b>Crucifer &amp; Acolyte</b>	Koury Collins	Kerri Williams	Beth Guynes Gray Weaver	Ann Tompkins	Susan Price
<b>Wooden Cross Torch Bearers &amp; Choir</b>			Peter Williams Heaven Leigh Sunny Faith		
<b>Gospel Bearer</b>	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Deacon Josie	Laura Cook	Deacon Josie Peter Williams	Mary Ruth Jones	Deacon Josie
<b>Oblation Bearers</b>	N/A	Betty Rushing Cynthia Strawn	Gloria Hall Sam Hall	Jordan Rushing Genevieve Walker	Dalton Thames Sara Margaret Porter
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Lance Stewart Leigh Devine	Allan Leese Dale Gibson	Jonah Artman Josh Artman	Dale Gibson Peter Meyers	Lance Stewart Dale Gibson
<b>Standing Communion Station</b>	N/A	Deacon Josie Jenny Newman	Deacon Josie Theo Williams	Deacon Josie Herb Jones	Deacon Josie Susan Price
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Rev. Billie will set up outside Chapel</b>	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Susan Price Jennifer Normand	Bitsy Sloan Penny Freund	Jennifer Normand Ann Tompkins	Herb Jones Mary Ruth Jones	
<b>Nursery Assistant</b>				Laura Cook	
<b>Children's Chapel</b>	<b>Children will assist with Animal Blessing</b>	Betsy Selby	<b>Children Serve at 11:00 AM Eucharist</b>	Betsy Selby	<b>No Children's Chapel</b>
<b>Offertory Counters</b>	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Jennifer Normand	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Betsy Selby	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Herb Jones	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington
<b>Healing Service</b>	<b>October 4</b> Theo Williams	<b>October 11</b> Tommy Skinner	<b>October 18</b> David Pruett	<b>October 25</b> Theo Williams	