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In Memory

Margarette Christine Swett

March 18, 1927 – September 2, 2018

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

ECW News

YARD SALE: A huge heartfelt and sincere THANK YOU to all who contributed, sorted, priced, set up, worked diligently during, brought food, and packed up after the yard sale on September 8! Due to everyone's hard work, we contributed \$1,781.50 to the Capital Campaign. This will defray the rental cost of the storage unit. Again, we appreciate your support! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!

SAVE THE DATE: Join us on a fun-filled field trip to Laurel on Saturday, November 10th. We will car pool from the church leaving at 8:00 AM and arriving in Laurel around 10:00 or 10:30 AM. We will visit the Lauren Rogers Art Museum, have lunch and return. There will be a signup sheet in the Parish House or call or text Sharon Hanks (601-529-6315) to let her know if you will be participating as we need to notify the museum. This trip is open to ALL—men as well as women!

Sharon Hanks, ECW President





Children Enjoy Waterslide Party





†Billie's Corner

*2018 Liturgical Arts Conference**A Retreat Defined:*

"withdrawal to a safe quiet place for those seeking solitude, relaxation, rejuvenation, healing, uplifting fellowship or spiritual contemplation"



Robert Benson
Author and Spiritual Teacher

The Liturgical Arts Conference, to be held at Gray Conference Center, Friday, October 19—Wednesday, October 24, is as much a retreat as it is a series of workshops that offer the opportunity to make art for sacred spaces. In a peaceful atmosphere of prayer, classes are being offered in the fields of vestment making, weaving, flower arranging, and manuscript illumination. Quiet days are planned for experiencing contemplative prayer with the rosary, walking the labyrinth, mediation on the Stations of the Cross and chanting psalms and songs. Three days will be devoted to a retreat led by Robert Benson, author and spiritual teacher.

I only wish that I could be at the *Conference Center* from start to finish. Something amazing happens when spiritual seekers retreat from the demands of life and gather together. Each spiritual discipline influences the whole experience. Meals, communal prayer periods and free time offer the opportunity to get to know the artisans who have come together to make visible and wearable items that enhance worship and give glory to God. Music and movement become acts of prayer. The gift of time for creativity is the reward of participating in retreat—creative silence,

creative handwork, creative writing, or creative movement. *The Liturgical Arts Conference* offers us time to be immersed in our calling to be co-creators with God.

I am planning to attend Robert Benson's retreat, *The Art of Paying Attention for the Holy*, to take place Monday–Wednesday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM.

Monday, October 22—*Come Let Us Raise a Song to the Lord*

Tuesday, October 23—*That We May Perfectly Love Thee*

Wednesday, October 24—*Dancing on the Head of a Pen*

The value of nurturing the mind, body and soul by stepping away from our daily routines into the environment of a retreat is a gift we can give ourselves. It is entering the “thin space” where the distance between heaven and earth seems closer and God's presence is immediate. In Thomas Moore's book *Care of the Soul* he states that we care for our souls by being curators of the images that rest inside us—images that emerge in prayer, in the act of making art, in the stillness of a quiet setting, in the beauty of music and the words of poetry and prose.

The Liturgical Arts Conference is a retreat for curating our soulful images. I hope to see you there.

In Peace,
Billie+

2018 Liturgical Arts Conference

October 19-24, Gray Center, Canton Mississippi

Complete registration details may be found at

www.liturgicalartsconference.com

or email liturgicalartsconference@gmail.com

✠ Josie's Journal



What do you think? This was a question I asked to a teenage church group last Saturday regarding the school's established grading system. In my class, I had students with averages of 17.2, 35.7, 0, and 78. The administration recommends that no grade lower than 50 to be given. The averages below 50 were recorded as 60 and the 78 was recorded as a 78. Is this a reasonable application of grace to those in need?

The teenagers reviewed Matthew 20 when Jesus tells the *Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard*: laborers were hired at different times during the day and, at the end of the day, all were paid the same salary. Next we also reviewed Matthew 18: 12-14 when Jesus tells the *Parable of the Lost Sheep*: the shepherd parted ways with ninety-nine sheep to rescue the one that was lost. The herd wanted the shepherd to stay with them while the one that wandered away wanted the shepherd to search for him. I asked the teenage group, *what if you were in the ninety-nine and the one who was lost was your worst enemy or team rival?* The answer changed drastically—to leave the lost as lost.

We discussed that Jesus loves all of us—our friends, our enemies, those who don't look or act like us or live in our neighborhood, or our country. Your PlayStation does not make God love you any more than a child who does not have a PlayStation. The things we own do not define who we are to God. All of us are equal and God loves us all equally. These questions might be posed to us as adults. Substitute *Mercedes* for *Volkswagen*.

Well, what do you think?

God loves all of us as if there were only one of us.

St. Augustine

Peace,
Josie

You are Invited—Gray Weaver's Eagle Court of Honor

Saturday, October 20, 1:00PM, St. Alban's Church

The Court of Honor will be "camping" themed, so we will be outside and enjoying camping, food and fun! Dress casually and bring a lawn chair.



October Birthdays

3 Margaret Stewart	20 Kristin Selby
8 Allan Leese	23 Mary Ann Wright
9 Wanda Warren	24 Linda Dooley
11 Canada Stewart	Ann Tompkins
15 Alison Rushing	25 Jack Abraham
19 Annadele Toups	Peter Williams
20 Annie Savant (Kitchens)	28 James Drake
Michael Southall	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

Allen & Nancy Teeter	Dan & Mary Carleton	Martha Benson
Analiese Wasson Bryan	David Hinston	Megan Cook Vincent
Ann Hanks	Dianne Carlton	Millie Gasaway
Ann & Jimmy Jones	Glenda Ferguson	Milton Richardson
Barbara Ramsay	Hollis Newman	Nancy Stewart
Bertha Kolb	Jackson Monti	Norma Jones
Betty Biedenham	Jim Dantin	Parker Ramsay
Bradley Freeman	Jimmy & Mamie Bright	Pat Geary
Brian Smith	Jimmy Pickens	Peggy Lynn
Bryan Brabston	Joan Leese	Peter Meyers
Carol Green	Kelley Massey	Phillip Summerlin
Charles Haley	Larry Sanders	Rt. Rev. Michael Curry
Charlie Brantley Family	Laurie Concannon	Rachelle Ferris
Christine Nelson Family	Linda & Jim Dooley	Richard Massey
Cynthia Strawn Family	Linda Washington	Shan Hudlow
Dalton Glatt	Liz Curtis Family	Sherry Horan
Damion Hansford	Lucas Guynes	The Selby Family
	Mark Herrington	

Victims of Violence & Natural Disasters

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM. Phone: (601) 636-6687

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Choir Practice, 9:45 AM

Christian Education, 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

Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM

Quiet Day, First Wednesday of Each Month, 7 AM—7 PM

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Parish House, 12:30 PM

Annual Giving & Stewardship Month

Theme: *The Power of Place—St. Alban's Church*

Sunday, October 7—*Kick-Off Sunday*. The Rev. Gates Elliott will be our guest celebrant & preacher. Stacy Weaver will speak as to what St. Alban's means to her.

Sunday, October 14—*Environmental Stewardship Sunday. Blessing of the Animals*. Outside Chapel. Betsy Selby will speak about the meaning of St. Alban's grounds. Gray Weaver will speak of using the Outside Chapel for his *Eagle Court of Honor*.

Sunday, October 21—*Treasure Stewardship Sunday*. Children's Eucharist. Lance Stewart will speak about the *Ministry of Treasure* and Lawson Selby will speak about what St. Alban's means to him.

Sunday, October 28—*Time & Talent Sunday*. David Pruett to speak about the *Ministry of Time and Talent*. Herb & Mary Ruth Jones will comment on what St. Alban's means to them.

Sunday, November 4—*Celebration Of Feast Day Of All Saints Day & Ingathering Pledge Cards*. Potluck luncheon in the Parish House following the 11:00 AM Eucharist.

Other Events in October:

Sunday, October 14—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's*, 4:00 PM, featuring the *Mississippi Girlchoir*

Monday, October 15–Thursday, October 18—*Clergy Conference*, Gray Center

Friday, October 19–Wednesday, October 24—*Liturgical Arts Conference*, Gray Center

Wednesday, October 31—*Vigil of the Feast Day of All Saints Memorial Service*, 6 PM

Liturgical Schedule—Sundays in October 2018

	October 7 Pentecost 20 Annual Giving Kickoff	October 14 Pentecost 21 Environmental Stewardship & Animal Blessing	October 21 Pentecost 22 Treasure Sunday	October 28 Pentecost 23 Time & Talent Sunday
First Reading	Job 1:1;2:1-10	Job 23:1-9	Job 38:1-7	Job 42:1-6
Psalm	Psalm 26	Psalm 22:1-15	Psalm 104:1-9,25,37b	Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
Second Reading	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Hebrews 4:12-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Hebrews 7:23-28
Gospel Reading	Mark 10:2-16	Mark 10:17-31	Mark 10:35-45	Mark 10:46-52
LWL	8:30 am Theo Williams 11:00 am Richard Price	Tommy Skinner Ann Tompkins	Harvey Smith Betsy Selby	Theo Williams Herb Jones
MC	Susan Price	Ann Tompkins	Beth Guynes	Jennifer Normand
OT Lector	8:30 am Penny Freund 11:00 am Beth Guynes	Penny Freund Ed Shelnut	Penny Freund Macy Weaver	Penny Freund Mary Ruth Jones
Epistle Lector	Canada Stewart		Canada Stewart	
Psalm Leader			Sam Hall	
Crucifer & Acolyte	Susan Price	Koury Collins	Beth Guynes Lawson Selby	Jennifer Normand
Crucifer (Wooden)			Harris Southall	
Gospel Bearer	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gabby Rushing	Deacon Josie
Prayers of the People	Deacon Josie	Deacon Josie	Gloria Hall	Deacon Josie
Oblation Bearers	Margaret Stewart Canada Stewart	None	Peter Williams Kerri Williams	Dawn Rickard Liz Gent
Ushers & Greeters	Dale Gibson Lance Stewart	Dale Gibson	Josh Artman Jonah Artman	Dale Gibson Allan Leese
Standing Communion Station	Deacon Josie Susan Price	None	Deacon Josie David Pruett	Deacon Josie Theo Williams
Altar Guild	Cassandra	Beth Guynes Liz Gent	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price	Mary Ann Wright Susan Price
Coffee Host	Mary Ruth & Herb Linda & Jim Dooley	Bring Doggy & Kitty Treats	Beth Sojourner Sharon Cummins	Bitsy Sloan Ann Tompkins
Nursery Assistant	April/ Ashley	April/Ashley	April/Ashley	April/Ashley
Children's Chapel	Betsy Selby	No Children's Chapel	Children Participate 11:00 am Eucharist	Betsy Selby
Offertory Counters	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks John Bonar	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Lance Stewart	Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks Janice Herrington
Healing Service	October 3 David Pruett	October 10 David Pruett	October 17 Theo Williams	October 24 Tommy Skinner



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