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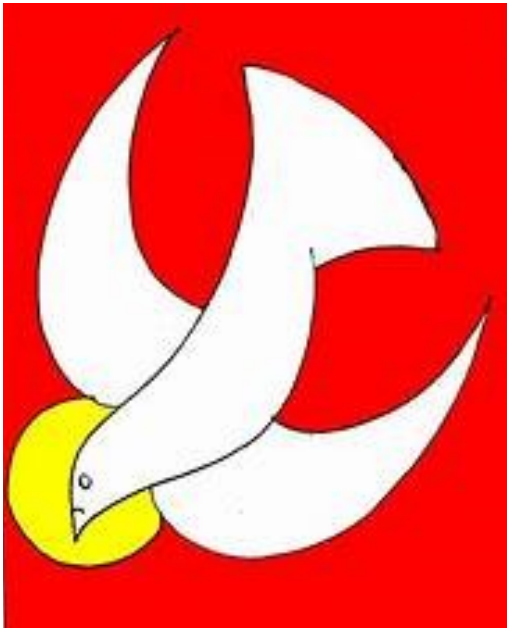
MAY 2023



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

The mission of the Church of the Epiphany is to offer a home to all those who are seeking God's unconditional love.

From the Vicar…

This month in our liturgical calendar includes two holy days that we don't always recognize as significant. May 2023 falls during the Great Fifty days of Easter, during which time we witness the resurrection of Jesus and his continued ministry on earth.

As you will recall, the first three Sundays of the Easter season tell the story of the first few times Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection. On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, traditionally called Good Shepherd Sunday, we heard how Jesus compares himself with a shepherd, who leads his flock (us) to abundant life. This is followed by three Sundays when we will hear how Jesus promise his disciples that the Lord will always provide for them (and us).

The Easter season ends when we celebrate the birth of the Church as we understand it. This is the Day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descend upon the disciples "like tongues of fire!" That is why in our tradition we wear red on this Sunday. The color red signifies the presence of the Holy Spirit "like tongues of fire!"

FYI, the word "Pentecost" is derived from the Greek word meaning "fifty," as in the Fifty Days of Easter. In Jewish tradition, Pentecost comes fifty days after Passover, when the Israelites began their exodus from Egypt. In this Jewish tradition, it was on the fiftieth day of their journey that Moses received the Ten Commandments from God on the mountain. This holy day is called Shavuot in Hebrew, or the Feast of Weeks, because it comes seven weeks after Passover. It is a high holy day in Judaism and was an important pilgrimage festival in ancient times. That is why there was so many people from so many different lands in Jerusalem on that day the Holy Spirit descended to the followers of Jesus.

Pentecost is very significant in the life of the Church, and I hope as many of you as possible will be present at the Church of the Epiphany on that day. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors because it will be special.

The other significant Holy Day this month is Ascension, the day we remember Jesus ascended into heaven at the end of his earthly ministry. This day is not often observed as it always falls on a Thursday, this year on May 18. We will observe it at Epiphany this year on the 18th with a service at 6 p.m. Details will be forthcoming.

There are two other days of importance for us in May that are not on the Liturgical calendar.

The first is National Prayer Day, which will celebrated in Crestview on May 4 at the Spanish Trail Amphitheater. An ecumenical event, clergy from many of the churches in and around Crestview will offer prayers for various aspects of community life beginning at 6 p.m. I have been assigned the honor of praying for the doctors, nurses, and other medical staff who have dedicated their lives to helping others in times of illness and injury.

The other day we observe as a nation is Memorial Day, when we remember those who gave their lives to preserve our way of life in the military service of our country. Memorial Day traditionally was observed for more than a century on May 30, but in 1971, Congress changed the observance to the last Monday of May. This made it a three-day weekend and, in my mind, lessened the significance of the day. Therefore, I plan on having a Memorial Day service on Tuesday, May 30, at Epiphany. Details will be forthcoming.

All in all, May is a significant month in the life of the Church and the life of the nation.

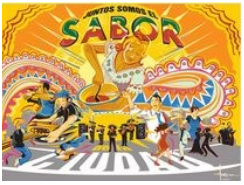
May the Peace of the Lord be with you always,

Father David+

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION and FIESTA LATINA

Saturday May 6th 10am to 2pm



Held at the Bush House / Crestview History Museum, 198 S. Wilson St. Free admission to fiesta and museum. Latino and Filipino Food, Latino Music and crafts, non-alcoholic drinks, and clothes will be available for purchase.

THE INAGURAL HUB CITY PICKLE BALL DERBY

May 20th &21st

To be held at the Crestview High School Courts. All men's and woman's doubles under and over 50 novice, intermediate and advanced held on Saturday May 20. All mixed under and over 50 novice, intermediate, and advanced on Sunday May 21. Medals will be awarded to 1st/2nd/3rd places. There is a charge of $45.00 per event.

6th Ranger Training Battalion Open House

Saturday May 20th 10:30am to 3:00pm

There will be an airborne demonstration, Rangers in action, car show, static displays, reptile show, food trucks, race the ranger run and more. Geared toward families, fun for everyone.

HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO

June 3rd 9am to 12pm ***Crestview Community Center***
1446 Commerce Drive, Crestview

The Health & Wellness Expo is designed to promote overall health and wellness by connecting leading industry professionals, service providers, and products with people eager to learn more. about healthy living. Free entry open to the public. There will be free screenings and entertainment.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

May 7 — Fifth Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
May 14 — Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Vestry Meeting
May 21 — Seventh Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist followed by Healing Service
May 28 — The Day of Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
June 4 — First Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

LECTOR SCHEDULE

May 7 - Fifth Sunday of Easter
1st Reading - Tracy Kueczynski
2nd Reading - Ginny Bauer
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Memorial Day Prayers

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who, on the day of decision, ventured everything for the liberties we now enjoy. May all who have died in the true faith of your holy Name, have perfect fulfillment and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

REMEMBERANCE

For any family or friend that has died in the service of their country that you would like to have remembered; please let the office know for Memorial Day.

VESTRY NEWS

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held on April 16. The highlights are as follows:

Treasurer's Report: : Laura explained the surplus this month was due to the insurance yet not due, and cleaning service not cashing their checks. Jeff asked if there is a job description for the cleaners. Tracy said there isn't one. Randy suggested a new agreement be developed and signed by the cleaners. Tracy will look for an old agreement and if there isn't one, she and Phil will write a new one. Jeff asked about the large amount in the Flower fund, can it be used for other projects. Laura stated that large donations from Easter can be can be used for anything. Randy asked about the specific memorial funds- what are they used for. Per Laura most can be used for anything church related.

Vicar's Report: David Bryant, Church Administrator, reviewed the columbarium records and discovered sixteen nameplates missing and an error in Yvonne Hudson's nameplate. Randy made a motion to spend $212.50 for seventeen new nameplates. Motion carried.
Fr. David is writing articles and a column for the Crestview Bulletin. This week is about Doubting Thomas. Fr. David wants to consider giving David and Pat specific days off and vacation time as employees. The vestry will consider the matter.
David B. is working on signage. Fr. David presented new signage for the church and the rummage sale. The Girl Scout troop will have a key to St. Joseph's Hall for their meeting every Monday evening. It was agreed no one from the congregation needs to supervise them and they have their own storage unit. There was a request for use of St. Joseph's Hall for a dance/exercise class and was turned down but they may use the outside area instead.

Senior Warden's Report: Tracy will coordinate with Phil to clean out St. Joseph's hall and decide what to remove, relocate signs and other projects. Fluorescent lights in St Joseph's hall have been replaced and new blinds have been installed.

Junior Warden's Report: Randy gave Phil's notes on the doors: a quote for repair has not been received yet. Outside eaves will be painted and fascia boards will be replaced when weather permits.
The rummage sale will go on April 29 as planned. Fr. David will provide signs from his funds.

News from Around the Diocese

THE HISTORIC APALACHICOLA HOME & GARDEN TOUR

May 5th 6pm— May 6th 4pm

At 6 pm a traditional Evensong Service at Trinity Episcopal Church, followed by a reception in Gorrie Square on Friday, kicks off the tour weekend. Tour Check-In, Information, Ticket Sales 9 am - 1:30 pm. Pick up or purchase your tour wristband to enter the homes and gardens.

Jumble Sale -- 9 am New! Come shop our mixed collection of items priced at $25 or less. Public invited! Silent Auction -- 10 am - 3 pm Our open-to-all Silent Auction offers silent bidding throughout the day or immediate purchases with Buy It Now. Home and Garden Tour -- 10 am - 4 pm With your wristband and map (available via your smartphone or tour brochure) you're set to see unique and diverse homes and gardens. Apalachicola is compact and easy to navigate. We recommend you go by bike, golf cart, or car to access most of the stops. Please remember private residences are not accessible for wheelchair users.

Becoming Beloved Community - Sacred Conversations

Saturday, May 6 · 7:30am - 4:30pm
St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
22764 Hwy. 59 South Robertsdale, AL 36567

We explore unconscious bias, prejudice, white privilege, and ways to work together to Become the Beloved Community. This offering is required for those in parish leader-ship (such as vestry members) and at the diocesan level (including those serving on commissions, committees, agencies, or boards). It also qualifies for eight hours of clergy training/education for those who complete the full-day course. There is no fee to participate, but it requires the commitment to be engaged for the full day. Limited to 30 participants.

Property Report for May

This month we have more good things to report.

- The facias and painting are completed on St Joseph Hall.
- Two door frames are being purchased for St Joseph Hall from Crestview Wholesale, and D & G Construction will be installing the frames.
- The Parish Hall doors are still in work. The hold up right now is we are trying to decide on the locking system to install on the doors.
- The blind for the window by the organ is still in work. I need to measure the window and purchase the blind.
- The cleaning inside St Joseph Hall is ongoing. Items are being moved around to make the hall more useful.
- The wind from our last big storm removed some shingles off the church roof. D & G Construction will be replacing them.

Repairs have been slow but we're working on them. Thank you everybody for your patience and help, each month items are being done in the background. The Church and grounds are looking better.

— Phil Phillips, Junior Warden

EPIPHANY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays
May 29—Patricia Jackson
May 30—Michele Dennis

Anniversaries
May 10—Janice & Rick Tyler

EPIPHANY'S FAVORITE RECIPES

Baked French Toast *by* ***Ginny Bauer***

A Pepperidge Farm Recipe

Tastes a lot like bread pudding with less sugar.

Ingredients:

1 — loaf Cinnamon Raisin Bread, cut into 1" cubes

5 — Eggs

2 1/2 Cups — Half and Half (or evaporated milk will work)

2 — tbsp Vanilla

Directions:

Mix the eggs and milk well; then add the vanilla.
Arrange the bread cubes in a baking dish. Pour the egg mixture evenly over the bread.
Use a wide spatula to press the bread into the liquid, make sure it soaks into all the bread.
Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour, overnight is better.
Pre heat oven to 350 degrees.
Bake for 45 minutes or until firm.
Note: You can add raisins, fruit, nuts, or whatever you like before baking. The dish goes well with butter and syrup, or you could use bourbon sauce.

Please remember in your prayers:

Adley Hipwell, Amy & Anthony Lehatto, Barbara Procino,
Bill Jones, Rev. David Knight, Rev. De Freeman,
Debra Evans, Dennis Jackson, Donna Andrews,
Florie Angelini, Janice Tyler, Rev. Julia Phillips,
Jeff Evans, Julie Hill, Katie Furby, Kei'Mari Martin, Layla,
Mary Meehan, Pam & Phil Phillips, Phyllis Alles,
Pat Shew, Maureen Marcotte, Nancy Delierre,
Steve & Buni O'Brien, and Sybil King,

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