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CLERGY NEWS

Congratulations to Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, who was called as Rector of Trinity, Mobile, effective October 1. **Ruth LaMonte**, has resigned as Priest-in-Charge of St. Michael's, Chickasaw, to be fully retired. Ruth and husband, Ed, have moved to Irondale, Alabama to be closer to family. Wishing both of them much joy in retirement and time with family.

MURRAY HOUSE SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE ON OCTOBER 11

On the second Sunday of October each year, we celebrate the mission and ministry of our diocesan agency, Murray House. Murray House is an assisted living residence located in Mobile, Alabama. To learn more about its history, visit www.murrayhouseliving.com/about. This year, we are recording a special worship service to honor Murray House. Please join us on our diocesan website, [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube channel](#) at 10:30 am on Sunday, October 11. The service bulletin is available at www.diocgc.org/murray-house.

INVITATION TO STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS

The Diocesan Evangelism Task Force invites you to share the information about our upcoming Storytelling workshops in your church newsletters. Thank you!

- Here is the link to the sign-up/registration: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4ba5a82cabfc1-jubilee>.
- [Click here to download a graphic](#), if you would like to use it.
- Use this blurb in your newsletters:

Celebrate Evangelism in October by joining a Storytelling workshop!

Everyone, including you, has a story. God is in each story, and it's worth sharing and listening. In the Episcopal tradition, evangelism is the spiritual practice of seeking, naming and celebrating Jesus' loving presence in the stories of all people...and then inviting everyone to more! Your story needs to be told. Other stories need to be heard.

Join us for a one hour workshop to discover your stories, receive the stories of others, and learn to invite everyone to more!

[SIGN-UP/REGISTER HERE](#)

EVANGELISM GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Episcopal institutions can now apply for the next round of the Episcopal Evangelism Grants Program, designed to fund local and regional evangelism efforts in the Episcopal Church. The application deadline is November 15. The new grant cycle will focus on projects that explore new methods of evangelism during the COVID-19 pandemic. Contact The Rev. Lydia Johnson, chairperson of our Diocesan Evangelism Task Force, or The Rev. Kammy Young, a member of the grants committee, for more information or assistance at lydia.knizley.johnson@gmail.com or kammy@diocgc.org. You can find a 12-minute informational webinar and the application here at [Evangelism Grants](#). The Grants Committee will consider proposals for up to \$2,000 for an individual congregation and up to \$8,000 for multi-church, diocesan, provincial and other regional collaborations. Last year seven of the 56 applications were from the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast and two were recipients: Spiritually Homeless - LGBTQ+ is in Crestview, Florida and CCC - Evangelism 101 is in Mobile, Alabama. We can do it again!

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT & INSURANCE UPDATES

- **Update:** Church Medical Trust (CMT) has extended our Annual Enrollment (AE) for Medical and Dental benefits due to impacts of Hurricane Sally. AE will run for two sessions (**October 12 to November 18, 2020**). Information will continue to be shared over the coming week. One change: we have added a stand-alone option to offer eligible employees the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) for those that are not currently covered by a plan.

- Visit our Diocesan Annual Enrollment webpage to assist you with plan selections and where supporting documents can easily be found in one location. It includes our premium rates, plan / benefit summaries, and other helpful information. Please visit: www.diocgc.org/benefits or you can also visit CPG's Annual Enrollment homepage for additional in-depth information at www.cpg.org/annualenrollment.
- There will be a Member Education webinar "Understanding Your Health Benefits" on October 14th, 12:00 PM CDT hosted by CMT. During the session you will get an overview of your 2021 health plan offerings and plan enhancements, telehealth services, Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers, and COVID benefits. Attend the webinar by pasting this GoToMeeting link in your browser: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/576199149>
- Note: there will also be a one-time "Open Enrollment" period for eligible employees that may wish to add a short-term and/or long-term disability benefit (without medical underwriting). This will be an option to select during Annual Enrollment. We will share this information when CPG makes it available.
- Please visit our website for additional insurance info:
 - <https://www.diocgc.org/congregational-resources>
 - [Risk Management & Insurance Basics for Religious Organizations \(recommended\)](#)
 - [Safety and Insurance Handbook for Churches \(recommended\)](#)

50 DAYS TO JUBILEE

Starting on Thursday, October 15, we will begin a 50 day countdown to our 50th Jubilee Celebration with a daily devotional delivered to your inbox and shared on social media. We encourage you to invite your family and friends to subscribe to our diocesan publications and follow us on Facebook, so they, too, can be a part of this journey to Jubilee and our culminating celebration (held virtually) in December, called Just Mercy - Just Jesus, with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Bryan Stevenson.

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NOVEMBER 8 DESIGNATED AS STOCK THE PANTRY SUNDAY

Reminder: In the November resources for our Jubilee Toolkit, we have designated November 8 as Stock the Pantry Sunday as a way to help our local food pantries get stocked for the upcoming season and help relieve the strain of food insecurity. Review the helpful "how to" from the Jubilee Toolkit [HERE](#).

CHURCH PUBLISHING OFFERS HYMNS AVAILABLE FOR STREAMING

Church Publishing has provided a PDF of hymns available to churches to use without copyright restriction in online worship, through November 22. The list of hymns is online as a PDF at <https://www.churchpublishing.org/siteassets/pdf/free-hymns2020.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0i4hFy30BdwazmoMnsv1BNroh-NuUxJjliUvKEtCPPPvOviYGjTc2Fn90>

THE JUBILEE WAY VIRTUAL MISSION TRIP

St. Simon's on the Sound is sponsoring a fundraising event called The Jubilee Way in honor of our 50th Jubilee Celebration. It is a virtual mission trip around the diocese, highlighting each of our churches along the way with a virtual postcard that shares something special about each congregation as part of the mission trip.

The Jubilee Way is a wonderful opportunity to engage all of our congregations in a joint event. All details on how the mission trip works and registration are available at www.diocgc.org/jubilee-way. We invite you to share this event in your newsletters/bulletins. [Follow the event on Facebook](#).

Registration is extended through October 30. Event runs from BayLights through Diocesan Convention (October 31, 2020 to February 25, 2021). Cost is \$50 per individual.

LEARN - PRAY - ACT RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Bishop Russell recently called out for a recommitment to our work of Becoming Beloved Community. The Commission on Racial Justice & Reconciliation gathered resources for us to do this work. You can find the resources at www.diocgc.org/learn-pray-act.

COVID-19 RESOURCES

Please visit www.diocgc.org/concerning-covid19 for all updates pertaining to diocesan recommended resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. PPP loan forgiveness rules are still changing so stay tuned!

REMINDERS:

- Your annual church financial audit is due to the diocesan office by September 1 (per Canons). We fully understand if you are delayed due to COVID closure / distancing difficulties. We ask that you notify Kim or Dwight to provide a status of when you plan to complete your audit. Thank you to those churches that have completed your audit or checked in with us!
- 2020 Tax Guides are available at CPG.org. For clergy personal income tax returns:
[2020 Clergy Tax Return Preparation Guide for 2019 Returns](#)
[CPG Supplement to the 2020 Clergy Tax Return Preparation Guide](#)

2020 LOGIN CREDENTIALS FOR TENS STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

We are a diocesan member of TENS, [The Episcopal Network for Stewardship](#). With our membership comes the ability for all of our churches to use the materials advertised by TENS. They include all the printable materials and resources for an eight week giving campaign. This year's materials combined with the ZOOM workshops in July and August will help you and your congregation navigate these new times, using technical and pastoral best practices. Please download the tools through the members portal and invite your stewardship teams to sign up for workshops.

The login credentials change each year for members. Website: <https://www.tens.org/resources/member-resources/>
Please note the login credentials for 2019: **Username:** 1PETER **Password:** FOUR:10

CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE REMINDER

Thank you to each congregation's work to participate in the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast's Congregational Vitality Survey! With almost all our congregations using the same assessment tool we will have a snapshot of the diocese as a whole around seven aspects of vitality which will assist us all in determining diocesan priorities for the future: discipleship, mission engagement, evangelism, leadership, worship, belonging, and health.

Here is a link to all the resources available through this survey: <http://www.uscongregations.org/>. For more information, please contact The Rev. Kammy Young at kammy@diocgc.org.

CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 10/1/2020)

Destin, St. Andrew's	Receiving names
Foley, St. Paul's	Interim in place and profile now online
Milton, St. Mary's	Interim in place
Mobile, Trinity	New rector
Panama City Beach, Episcopal Churches of (Grace and St. Thomas)	Receiving names
St. Luke's, Marianna	Call issued and accepted
St. Mark's, Troy	Now vacant
St. James, Port St. Joe	Now vacant
St. James, Eufaula	Beginning process
St. Peter's, Bon Secour	New priest in place

For information, please contact:

The Rev. Massey Gentry, Canon to the Ordinary, at mgfairhope@gmail.com or (251) 459-4169.

Please do not contact the openings directly.

JOB POSTINGS

Thrift Shop manager | Full-time | Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores, Alabama, is looking for a leader who is driven and great at managing people and administrative duties. The successful candidate will be able to enhance customer satisfaction, manage a large number of volunteers, lead employees, and add to our goals outreach and sales goals. Candidates who have a background in financial management, employee and volunteer recruitment, and thrift retail management will be the most successful. The Thrift Shop Manager is responsible directly to the Thrift Shop Committee and the Parish Rector to assure that Thrift Shop operations are consistent with Parish outreach objectives. [Full Job Description.](#)

Submit resume to the Rev. Will Lowry at holyspirit@gmail.com.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (ONLINE)

Our ministries to children and youth are a vital part of the mission of our church; training in the prevention, detection, and reporting of sexual abuse helps us to provide a safe environment. Safeguarding is primarily about *abuse prevention training* and is **mandatory** for those working with and around children and youth. Anyone can take these online modules at any time and at your own pace. Enrolling is simple; just follow the few steps in our short guideline document available on the diocesan website: https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/ca270f_efa8f4dca14f48a3ada58d6efc090309.pdf

FACEBOOK GROUP FOR CHURCH COMMUNICATORS

Jenn Johnson, diocesan missionary for communications, moderates a closed Facebook Group for anyone who is involved in church communications within our diocese. It is a way to share ideas and resources, or pose questions and concerns. To join, contact Jenn at jenn@diocgc.org.

COMMUNICATIONS QUICK LINKS

[Submit an article for publication](#)

[Submit a church/community event](#)

[Submit a job posting](#)

CYCLES OF PRAYER FOR DIOCESE AND PRISON MINISTRY

Congregations are asked to include both our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer and our Prison Ministry Cycle of Prayer in their Prayers of the People, newsletters and/or bulletins. Both are available at www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer.

BOOKMARK THE DIOCESAN CALENDAR

Stay up-to-date on diocesan events by bookmarking our calendar: <https://www.diocgc.org/calendar-of-events>.

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS (times listed are Central Time)

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
REGISTRATION FOR ALL STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS		SIGN-UP/REGISTER HERE
Storytelling Workshop (virtual)	Oct 6, 11am	Zoom
Storytelling Workshop (virtual)	Oct 6, 5pm	Zoom
Storytelling Workshop (in-person)	Oct 10, 10am	St. Simon's On the Sound, FWB
Storytelling Workshop (in-person)	Oct 10, 10:30am	Grace, Panama City Beach
Storytelling Workshop (in-person)	Oct 10, 4pm	St. James, Fairhope
Murray House Sunday	Oct 11, 10:30am	Service on Facebook/YouTube
Storytelling Workshop (virtual)	Oct 11, 4pm	Zoom
Storytelling Workshop (virtual)	Oct 14, 5:30pm	Zoom
Storytelling Workshop (in-person)	Oct 17, 2pm	Church of the Nativity, Dothan
Storytelling Workshop (virtual)	Oct 17, 6pm	Zoom
Storytelling Workshop (in-person)	Oct 18, 9am	St. Mary's By the Sea Coden
Storytelling Workshop (in-person)	Oct 18, 1pm	St. Cyprian's, Pensacola
Storytelling Workshop (in-person)	Oct 18, 4pm	St. Paul's, Mobile
BayLights at Beckwith	Oct 30 - Nov 1	Beckwith
The Jubilee Way Virtual Mission Trip (Registration is open until Oct 30)	Oct 31, '20 - Feb 25, '21	Online www.diocgc.org/jubilee-way

BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
School for Ministry Lay Leadership class	Oct 3	St. Cyprian's, Pensacola
Visitation	Oct 4	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
Faith in Action Clergy Leadership mtg	Oct 6	ZOOM
Sewanee Bishop trustee mtg	Oct 7	ZOOM
Funeral	Oct 8 am	Monroeville
Standing Committee mtg	Oct 8 pm	ZOOM
Funeral	Oct 10	Brewton
Visitation	Oct 11	Niceville
Bishop Peer Coaching session	Oct 14 am	ZOOM
Building Dedication	Oct 14 pm	St. Mary's, Andalusia
Episcopal Day School guest speaker	Oct 16	EDS, Pensacola
Visitation	Oct 18	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
Visitation	Oct 20	Immanuel, Bay Minette
COM Discernment Orientation mtg	Oct 24	TBD
Visitation	Oct 25	St. Luke's, Mobile

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Treasurer's Report - September 2020

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of September 30, 2020)

Congregational Pledges	MTD Actual (2020)	YTD Rec'd (2020)	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Pledge (2020)
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's (131)	\$2,000.00	\$8,000.00	(\$1,000)	\$12,000.00
Apalachicola, Trinity (120)	\$1,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$0	\$18,000.00
Atmore, St. Anna's (114)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,853)	\$2,470.00
Atmore, Trinity (27)	\$200.00	\$1,800.00	\$0	\$2,400.00
Bay Minette, Immanuel (29)	\$304.00	\$2,911.20	(\$156)	\$4,090.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's (165)	\$0.00	\$7,888.90	(\$361)	\$11,000.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's (168)	\$0.00	\$12,020.21	(\$2,828)	\$19,798.00
Cantonment, St. Monica's (118)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,871)	\$2,494.00
Chickasaw, St. Michael's (45)	\$0.00	\$561.50	(\$80)	\$855.00
Chipley, St. Matthew's (46)	\$450.00	\$4,050.00	\$0	\$5,400.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas (4)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$281)	\$375.00
Coden, St. Mary's (33)	\$0.00	\$4,438.00	\$1,110	\$4,438.00
Crestview, Epiphany (40)	\$250.00	\$2,250.00	\$0	\$3,000.00
Daphne, St. Paul's (675)	\$5,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$0	\$60,000.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis (55)	\$920.00	\$8,260.00	\$0	\$11,020.00
DeFnk Spgs, St Agatha's (52)	\$185.01	\$2,431.90	\$444	\$2,650.00
Destin, St. Andrew's (83)	\$0.00	\$5,907.29	\$1,592	\$5,754.00
Dothan, Nativity (511)	\$0.00	\$19,800.00	(\$11,700)	\$42,000.00
Enterprise, Epiphany (47)	\$2,500.00	\$6,500.00	(\$700)	\$9,600.00
Eufaula, St. James' (196)	\$1,200.00	\$14,400.00	\$718	\$18,243.00
Fairhope, St. James' (1453)	\$11,062.28	\$79,615.97	(\$4,534)	\$112,200.00
Foley, St. Paul's (263)	\$0.00	\$13,333.60	(\$1,666)	\$20,000.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon (516)	\$4,552.50	\$36,420.00	(\$4,553)	\$54,630.00
Greenville, St. Thomas (130)	\$0.00	\$15,611.32	\$1,474	\$18,850.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis (243)	\$1,037.00	\$13,624.59	(\$3,573)	\$22,930.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit (375)	\$4,800.00	\$21,600.00	\$0	\$28,800.00
Jackson, St. Peter's (29)	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$388	\$1,350.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas (96)	\$1,281.62	\$7,039.16	(\$479)	\$10,024.00
Lillian, Advent (75)	\$1,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0	\$12,000.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls (201)	\$0.00	\$9,500.00	(\$8,275)	\$23,700.00
Marianna, St. Luke's (132)	\$0.00	\$2,866.26	(\$5,957)	\$11,764.00
Milton, St. Mary's (160)	\$0.00	\$10,625.00	(\$2,125)	\$17,000.00
Mobile, All Saints' (418)	\$1,500.00	\$13,500.00	\$0	\$18,000.00
Mobile, Christ (607)	\$3,483.33	\$31,349.97	\$0	\$41,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd (146)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$4,950)	\$6,600.00
Mobile, Redeemer (270)	\$954.69	\$9,009.67	(\$2,268)	\$15,037.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's (37)	\$535.00	\$3,346.00	\$0	\$4,464.00
Mobile, St. John's (119)	\$1,632.53	\$13,716.03	(\$1,434)	\$20,200.00
Mobile, St. Luke's (331)	\$1,666.00	\$14,994.00	\$0	\$20,000.00
Mobile, St. Mark's (6)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,875)	\$2,500.00
Mobile, St. Paul's (2033)	\$0.00	\$116,672.00	(\$14,578)	\$175,000.00
Mobile, Trinity (215)	\$2,200.00	\$9,900.00	\$0	\$13,200.00
Monroeville, St. John's (45)	\$397.60	\$10,280.62	\$4,464	\$7,755.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's (127)	\$292.65	\$2,253.04	\$101	\$2,870.00
Niceville, St. Jude's (238)	\$2,298.00	\$18,384.00	(\$4,114)	\$29,997.00
Ozark, St. Michael's (44)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,425)	\$1,900.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity (706)	\$2,500.00	\$22,500.00	\$0	\$30,000.00
Panama City, St. Andrews (250)	\$1,865.00	\$15,661.69	(\$2,383)	\$24,060.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's (64)	\$231.00	\$2,118.90	(\$268)	\$3,183.00
Panama City Beach, Grace (123)	\$1,688.00	\$6,752.00	(\$4,689)	\$15,254.00
Pensacola, Christ (1307)	\$10,175.00	\$81,008.00	(\$10,567)	\$122,100.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross (211)	\$2,550.00	\$25,600.00	\$2,650	\$30,600.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity (90)	\$903.38	\$8,130.42	(\$0)	\$10,841.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's (603)	\$5,833.33	\$52,499.97	(\$0)	\$70,000.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's (45)	\$0.00	\$1,230.00	(\$2,460)	\$4,920.00
Pensacola, St. John's (104)	\$500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0	\$6,000.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James' (125)	\$0.00	\$2,690.00	(\$1,810)	\$6,000.00
Robertsdale, St. John (61)	\$135.00	\$810.00	(\$329)	\$1,518.00
SRB, Christ King (255)	\$3,440.05	\$39,720.33	\$2,220	\$50,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's (116)	\$3,144.00	\$14,148.00	\$0	\$18,864.00
Wewahitchka, St. John's (16)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,500)	\$2,000.00
Total Pledges	\$86,167	\$901,130	(\$91,481)	\$1,323,498