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CLERGY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to **Jimmy Holcomb, Ellen Huckabay, and Jessica Walker**, who were approved for ordination to the priesthood. Huckabay will be ordained Wednesday, October 28, at 6 p.m., at St. James, Fairhope; Holcomb will be ordained Thursday, November 5, at 6 p.m., at Nativity, Dothan; and Walker will be ordained Wednesday, November 11, at 6 p.m., at Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores.

NEW 2026 ANNUAL ENROLLMENT (MEDICAL/DENTAL)

Annual Enrollment will soon be underway (Oct. 14- Nov. 6). Members will receive information from CPG via emails this year instead of by mail. The Diocese sends information via mail and email about your health plan choices. Our website has been updated, and enrollment information was sent to churches Sept. 30. Quantum Health will be available (at 866-871-0629) to help members review existing benefits, understand plan options, and choose the right plans for themselves and their dependents.

REMINDER 2026 CHURCH AUDITS DUE

Reminder that annual church audits for the year ending 2025 are due to the diocese office in September 2026. This is one of the very few canonical requirements that all Episcopal churches must meet. An updated audit checklist and directions can be found on the Diocesan website at: **https://www.diocgc.org/administrative-resources**. The checklist was developed to assist and guide any church with an Audit Committee and to identify and track processes that may need strengthening. Any questions, please contact the diocesan administrator at dwight@diocgc.org or call the office at 850-434-7337.

NEW 56TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION | DELEGATE ELECTIONS

The 56th Annual Diocesan Convention will be held February 19-20, 2027, at the Embassy Suites in Gulf Shores, and hosted by Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores, and St. Paul's, Foley. Save the date on your calendars! Now is the time to plan for your delegate elections! All delegates must be **elected and certified by Monday, December 21, 2026** (no later than 60 days prior to the start of the diocesan convention, in accordance with Canon 3, Sections 4 and 5). An informational packet will be sent to church leadership in late October. Delegate reporting will be included in the online registration process. Registration will open in early November.

NEW HAPPENING #64 REGISTRATION OPEN

All church leaders are encouraged to invite any 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th graders in their congregation to learn more about Happening, a spiritual retreat weekend for high schoolers, led by their peers with the supervision of adult advisors. **Please include the information below in your newsletters and**

announcements. Contact Happening Coordinator Meghan Johnson at meghantj02@gmail.com with questions.

February 12-14, 2027 | Beckwith Camp & Conference Center, 10400 Beckwith Ln, Fairhope, AL

*Happening is a weekend renewal retreat led by youth for youth in 9-12th grades. High school students put together an incredibly moving weekend filled with learning, sharing, and building relationships. Through videos, skits, talks, and more, Happeners see how God and their faith fit in with the ups and downs of high school life. Happening is designed to help youth feel God's love and the love of their Christian community. We hope that, by the end of the weekend, everyone goes home knowing how to keep growing in their relationship with God and having a group of fellow believers to rely on. It's a weekend full of fun, games, sharing, surprises, and most of all, spiritual renewal and empowerment. To learn more about Happening and to register, visit **www.diocgc.org/happening**.*

UPDATES CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 10/1/2026)

Bon Secour; St. Peter's	Starting process
Brewton, St. Stephen's	Accepting applications
Coden, St. Mary's	No change
Eufaula, St. James	Accepting applications
Fort Walton Beach, St. Simon's	Interim in place; building profile
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's Chapel	Starting process
Mobile, St. Luke's	Interim in place
Monroeville, St. John's	No change
Santa Rosa Beach, Christ the King	Interviewing candidates

Please do not contact the openings directly. For information, please contact the Rev. Ashley Freeman, Canon to the Ordinary, at **ashley@diocgc.org**.

UPDATES MONTHLY ZOOM MEETINGS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

LAY-LED AND SUPPLY CLERGY-LED CHURCHES monthly Zoom meeting with the Rev. Lydia Johnson. These gatherings provide practical ideas, resources, and collaborative planning support for the church year and beyond. Contact Rev. Lydia with questions at **lydia@diocgc.org**. **VIEW THE SCHEDULE**

CHURCH COMMUNICATORS TABLE monthly Zoom meeting with Jenn Roberts. These gatherings are for church communicators of all skill levels, lay or ordained; volunteers, part-time, or full-time. Join to share ideas, support one another in the challenges and successes of communications ministry, develop skills, and strengthen the ways we tell the story of our churches. **Communicators will meet on the last Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. CT on Zoom.** **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

CLERGY REMINDER: NEW ASSIGNMENT FORM CHANGES

Remember that clergy/employers need to update employment/compensation related changes in MAPS (either by church or diocese). New Assignment forms are no longer accepted by CPG but are by the Diocese. Clergy need to submit this form to employer/diocese when:

- A cleric's employment status has changed, including retirement, beginning a new assignment, changing employers, etc.
- A cleric's or lay employee's compensation changes, including when a one-time payment is made (such as an end-of-year bonus or "love" offering).

You can find the CPG form at: **https://www.diocgc.org/administrative-resources** or call Kim at the diocesan office.

STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM TENS

2026 password: ***Matthew22:4*** (Note: a username is no longer required)

Annual pledge campaign materials are available on the TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship) website. This year's theme is “Plenty Good Room.” Resources include graphics and logos in various standard formats, customizable letters from clergy, the Stewardship Committee, and wardens, and customizable pledge/promise cards. All churches have access to TENS materials as they are included in our diocesan membership. Members' login credentials are changed annually. LOGIN at: **https://www.tens.org/**.

2027 CONVENTION NECROLOGY

We invite congregations to join us in honoring the faithful who have gone before us. Each year at Convention, we remember by name those who have served as delegates to Convention or deputies to General Convention and have died since our last gathering. When sharing notices of a member’s passing, please also let the Diocese know if they served in either role. Sharing this information throughout the year helps us prepare a more complete and prayerful necrology in thanksgiving for their ministry and service.

ONLINE SAFEGUARDING / RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Our Safeguarding system uses a program from Presidium Academy. You can find links and guidelines on the diocesan website at: **https://www.diocgc.org/administrative-resources**. Each church must identify church Administrators; Admins can be added to the system by contacting the Diocesan Office. These Admins will add their church members to the Academy system and generate “invitations” to those needing to take Safeguarding modules.

1. **To Sign Up for the Safeguarding System:**
   E-mail the Safeguarding Online Administrator assigned to your parish.
2. Your designated church Administrator will facilitate your access to Praesidium Academy by generating an "invitation email" which will be sent to you from donotreply@praesidiuminc.com.
3. Fill in the required information (including your desired password).
4. Click Accept Invite.
5. You will be redirected to the login screen - please log in with your email address and the password you just created.
6. You can now proceed to find and complete the required modules.

If your coursework is over 4 years old, it will be considered dated/expired and may not have been transferred to your new account. If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Babcock or Mary Poss at 850-434-7337.

RESOURCE: LAY LEADERS DIRECTORY

A list of canonically certified Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Preachers is available on the diocesan website to assist parishes, especially smaller congregations, when supply clergy are unavailable. Bishop Kendrick and Dean Joy Blaylock coordinate with lay leaders invited to serve outside their home churches. This ministry has become a joyful fruit of the Lay School, strengthening relationships and shared ministry across the diocese. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dean Joy Blaylock at **joyblaylock@diocgc.org**. You can find the Lay Leader list here: **https://www.diocgc.org/lay-ministry**.

SUPPLY CLERGY LIST

Here is the link to the supply clergy list. Should you need help securing a supply priest for church services, please contact the Rev. Lydia Johnson at **lydia@diocgc.org**.

LINK TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE DIOCESAN EMAIL LIST

Please consider adding the link below to your regular church communications and website so that members can subscribe and stay connected to news from around the diocese. Thank you! **SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS**.

MUSIC LICENSING

If your church offers music during services, follow all copyright guidelines, including maintaining a license to perform, broadcast, or print copyrighted music. Review your church’s licensing agreements and add the streaming option if you are broadcasting services online. Recommended licensing companies include **One License**, **Christian Copyright Licensing International**(CCLI), and **Christian Copyright Solutions**.

CYCLES OF PRAYER FOR DIOCESE AND PRISON MINISTRY

Congregations are invited 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: **www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer.**

CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY - SUBMIT UPDATES

We ask churches to update their leadership directory for the diocesan database. This update is especially important for reporting changes in vestry membership. Please submit your completed form linked below as soon as possible. Thank you! Direct questions to jenn@diocgc.org. **CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY FORM**

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS Stay up-to-date on diocesan events by bookmarking our calendar: **https://www.diocgc.org/calendar-of-events**.

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Fall Clergy Conference	Oct 8-9	Beckwith
Standing Committee Meeting	Oct 27	Duvall Center
Priesthood Ordination - Ellen Huckabay	Oct 28	St. James, Fairhope
Priesthood Ordination - Jimmy Holcomb	Nov 5	Nativity, Dothan
Priesthood Ordination - Jessica Walker	Nov 11	Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores

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BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Visitation	Oct 4 am	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
Visitation	Oct 4 pm	St. Francis, Dauphin Island
College for Bishops Board meeting	Oct 6 - 7	Omaha, NE
Fall Clergy Conference	Oct 8 - 9	Beckwith
Visitation	Oct 11	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
Lay Worship Leader class	Oct 17	St. Jude's, Niceville
Visitation	Oct 18	St. Jude's, Niceville
Visitation	Oct 25	Christ the King, Santa Rosa Beach
Standing Committee meeting	Oct 27	Duvall Center
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Treasurer's Report - September 2026

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of 9/30/26)

Congregational Pledges	MTD Actual (2026)	YTD Rec'd (2026)	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Pledge (2026)
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's	$0.00	$7,000.00	($3,500)	$14,000.00
Apalachicola,Trinity	$2,250.00	$20,250.00	$0	$27,000.00
Atmore, St. Anna's	$0.00	$4,640.00	$0	$4,640.00
Atmore, Trinity	$100.00	$900.00	$0	$1,200.00
Bay Minette, Immanuel	$281.30	$5,332.50	$645	$6,250.00
Bon Secour,St. Peter's	$525.70	$6,892.20	$726	$8,221.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's	$3,377.35	$13,289.30	$539	$17,000.00
Cantonment,St. Monica's	$1,000.00	$7,000.00	$625	$8,500.00
Chickasaw,St.Michael's	$0.00	$500.00	($250)	$1,000.00
Chipley, St. Matthew's	$488.00	$4,392.00	$38	$5,806.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas	$0.00	$0.00	$0	$0.00
Coden, St. Mary's	$0.00	$0.00	($396)	$528.00
Crestview, Epiphany	$250.00	$2,250.00	$0	$3,000.00
Daphne, St. Paul's	$0.00	$20,000.00	($2,500)	$30,000.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis	$4,601.00	$19,152.00	$5,360	$18,389.00
DeFnk Spgs, St. Agatha's	$500.20	$5,031.85	$907	$5,500.00
Destin, St. Andrew's	$0.00	$0.00	($1,500)	$2,000.00
Dothan, Nativity	$0.00	$39,066.64	($4,883)	$58,600.00
Enterprise, Epiphany	$0.00	$7,000.00	($883)	$10,511.00
Eufaula, St. James'	$1,320.00	$11,840.00	$365	$15,300.00
Fairhope, St. James'	$0.00	$60,000.00	($7,500)	$90,000.00
Foley, St. Paul's	$2,450.15	$19,604.80	($2,452)	$29,409.00
Ft.Wltn Bch,St. Simon	$4,209.67	$37,886.99	$0	$50,516.00
Greenville, St. Thomas	$1,252.11	$18,435.18	$5,183	$17,670.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis	$1,284.00	$14,248.00	$2,998	$15,000.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit	$2,812.50	$22,500.00	($2,813)	$33,750.00
Jackson, St. Peter's	$0.00	$1,400.00	$350	$1,400.00
Laguna Beach, St.Thomas	$0.00	$0.00	($4,552)	$6,069.00
Lillian, Advent	$875.00	$7,875.00	$0	$10,500.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls	$5,000.00	$15,000.00	$0	$15,000.00
Marianna, St. Luke's	$0.00	$10,819.50	$0	$14,426.00
Milton, St. Mary's	$0.00	$8,344.10	$1,078	$9,688.00
Mobile, All Saints'	$1,666.67	$15,000.03	$0	$20,000.00
Mobile, Christ	$5,150.00	$46,350.00	$0	$61,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd	$1,317.50	$11,857.50	$0	$15,810.00
Mobile, Redeemer	$0.00	$8,725.94	($1,112)	$13,117.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's	$125.00	$2,463.00	($897)	$4,480.00
Mobile, St. John's	$0.00	$2,283.15	($5,868)	$10,868.00
Mobile, St. Luke's	$0.00	$0.00	$0	$0.00
Mobile, St. Paul's	$15,600.00	$141,361.34	$1,093	$187,024.00
Mobile, Trinity	$1,041.66	$9,374.94	$0	$12,500.00
Monroeville, St. John's	$277.50	$2,193.73	($1,354)	$4,730.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's	$500.00	$5,000.00	$500	$6,000.00
Niceville, St. Jude's	$3,329.00	$29,961.00	$0	$39,958.00
Ozark, St. Michael's	$0.00	$1,631.00	$0	$1,631.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity	$3,774.25	$33,968.25	$0	$45,290.00
Panama City, St. Andrew's	$1,861.00	$12,963.00	($2,037)	$20,000.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's	$407.40	$2,766.12	$516	$3,000.00
Panama City Beach, Grace	$1,225.25	$11,027.25	$0	$14,703.00
Pensacola, Christ	$11,950.00	$95,600.00	($12,025)	$143,500.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross	$2,000.00	$18,000.00	$0	$24,000.00
Pensacola,Holy Trinity	$1,281.13	$11,530.17	$0	$15,370.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's	$5,933.00	$53,397.00	$0	$71,200.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's	$0.00	$1,500.00	($1,125)	$3,500.00
Pensacola, St. John's	$0.00	$0.00	($14,025)	$18,700.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James'	$0.00	$0.00	($1,125)	$1,500.00
Robertsdale, St. John	$135.00	$1,215.00	$0	$1,620.00
SRB, Christ King	$4,583.33	$41,249.64	$0	$55,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's	$833.00	$7,501.00	$0	$10,000.00
Wewahitchka, St. John's	$0.00	$2,000.00	$0	$2,000.00
Total Pledges	**$95,568**	**$959,569**	**($49,873)**	**$1,338,174**