

# THE GREEN SHEET

A newsletter for clergy and lay church leadership

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## CLERGY NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **The Rev. Deacon Deborah Epps** (recently ordained Deacon), who has been appointed Deacon to St. Cyprian's, Pensacola and to **The Rev. Deacon Rachel Iversen**, who has been appointed as Deacon to St. Monica's, Cantonment, effective July 1st; to **The Rev. Ansley Walker** (Curate at St. Christopher's, Pensacola), who has accepted a call to be the Associate Rector at St. Luke's in Darien, Connecticut, effective July 24th. We extend our best wishes to all as they begin their new ministries.

## NEW WILMER HALL SUNDAY IS JULY 30

Join us in honoring the long-standing mission and ministry of Wilmer Hall Children's Home, an agency of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. Each year on the last Sunday of July, we take this opportunity to celebrate this organization that has served the Church and its communities since 1864.

We encourage all congregations to include the Wilmer Hall Prayer (below) in their Prayers of the People on this special day. Executive Director Pratt Paterson will be sending each church a stack of brochures and a note.

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus welcomed and blessed children with love: We give you thanks and praise for this Children's Home, for the founders, for all who have served and supported this Home through the years, and for all who have found love and family in this Home. In the faith of our founders, we spread before you our prayers for all who live within the care of Wilmer Hall and for those who will do so in years beyond us. Raise up, we pray, in every generation, faithful people to support and sustain this Home following the way of our Savior Jesus Christ with whom we are bound in the best of bonds. Amen.*

[Here is the full press release for your use](#)

## NEW LAY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NOW UNTIL AUGUST 25

If you have felt the nudge of the Holy Spirit or would like to "seek out" more in the exercise of your Baptismal call and covenant, please take a look at what our Lay School has to offer. We begin in September 2023 (10am-2pm) and will meet one Saturday a month until June of 2024. The cost per course is \$300. If you are interested in the School this fall, now is the time to reach out to your rector or priest-in-charge and your vestry. We are offering canonical certification in the following areas: Worship Leader, Preacher, Pastoral Care Leader and Evangelist.

### [COURSE OFFERINGS AND APPLICATION](#)

For more information, please contact Dean Joy Blaylock: [joyblaylock@diocgc.org](mailto:joyblaylock@diocgc.org).

## NEW DIOCESAN ACOLYTE FESTIVAL ON AUGUST 19

All acolytes, crucifers, and thurifers throughout the Central Gulf Coast are invited to attend. Bishop Russell and other experts in the "liturgical arts" will share their knowledge, skill and wisdom, along with games and a very special closing Eucharist.

The festival begins at 8:30 a.m. and will end at the conclusion of the Eucharist around 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for the festival, but we do ask that you register at the link below beginning July 10.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES

Annually, we request churches to update their leadership directory for the diocesan database. The update is especially important to report changes in vestry membership. Please submit your completed form, linked below, as soon as possible. Thank you! Direct questions to [jenn@diocgc.org](mailto:jenn@diocgc.org). [CHURCH LEADERSHIP DIRECTORY FORM](#)

## 2023 STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS AVAILABLE FROM TENS

Annual pledge campaign materials are available on the TENS website: This year's theme is "More Than Enough: Annual Pledge Campaign". Resources include: Graphics and Logos in many common formats; Customizable letters from Clergy, Stewardship Committee, and Wardens; Customizable pledge / promise cards, etc. All churches have access to TENS materials as they are included in our diocesan membership. The login credentials change each year for members. LOGIN at: <https://www.tens.org/>. **2023 password: Jeremiah17:8** (Note: a username is no longer required.)

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RESOURCES** As we head into hurricane season, now is the perfect time to review your church's emergency preparedness plan and procedures. It is critical to have updated contact information readily available for church leadership and to identify your church's most vulnerable population in the event of a local emergency situation - like extreme weather or medical issues. Equally important is to have a checklist of how to secure your church facility and property. The diocese has curated a list of helpful resources, available at [www.diocgc.org/emergency-response](http://www.diocgc.org/emergency-response)

## PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE CHANGES

Unfortunately, the cost of property / casualty insurance in the Gulf Coast states have skyrocketed, especially in Florida. Many of our churches have maintained a very low AOP deductible (eg. \$1000). That means you are paying much higher premiums now to potentially pay less out of pocket with a future claim. However, paying higher premiums for this coverage may not be your best option. Please contact Dwight in the diocesan office; he can request AOP deductible options from CIC and/or additional recommendations that can provide more effective ways to secure premium savings.

## RESOURCE: LAY LEADERS DIRECTORY

The list of Lay Leaders who have been canonically certified as Lay Worship Leaders and Lay Preachers is available on the diocesan website. We have provided this list for many of our smaller parishes that have occasional need of assistance when supply clergy are not available. Bishop Kendrick and Dean Joy Blaylock work in conjunction with those who are invited to lead worship or preach at a church different than their own. This has been found to be a joyful fruit of the Lay School as it deepens the bonds of relationship and ministry across our diocese.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dean Joy Blaylock at [joyblaylock@diocgc.org](mailto:joyblaylock@diocgc.org). You can find the Lay Leader list here: <https://www.diocgc.org/lay-ministry>.

## CHANGES TO THE ONLINE SAFEGUARDING / RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Our Safeguarding system has migrated to a new platform. You can find links and guidelines on the diocesan website at: <https://www.diocgc.org/administrative-resources> The name of this program changed from "Armatus" to "Praesidium Academy." Each church must identify church Administrators; Admin's 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.

### **To Sign Up for new Safeguarding system:**

1. 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](mailto: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 moved over into your new account. If you have any questions, please contact Dwight Babcock or Mary Poss at 850-434-7337.

## TECHNOLOGY SAVINGS FOR NON-PROFITS

Remember that all churches have an account created for them on TechSoup, a technology non-profit that provides access to many tools for other non-profits donated by key companies such as Microsoft, Intuit, Adobe, Dell, etc. This allows your church to purchase software, hardware, courses, and other technology services at greatly discounted rates. Please contact the diocesan office to receive your association code and to provide the name/email of who will be your TechSoup administrator (required if you want to place an order). Visit [www.techsoup.org](http://www.techsoup.org) to look over products.

## CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 7/1/2023)

[Mobile, St. Paul's](#)

In process

Panama City Beach, [Grace Chapel](#) and [St. Thomas](#) (joint search)

Interim in place; profile on parish website, receiving names

**Please do not contact the openings directly.** For information, please contact: The Rev. Ashley Freeman, Canon to the Ordinary, at [ashley@diocgc.org](mailto:ashley@diocgc.org).

## JOB POSTINGS

**St. Jude's Niceville is seeking the following:**

### *Youth Minister - Part-time*

The Youth Minister focuses on ministry to the youth of the parish, ages 6th through 12th grades; develops relationships with the youth and their parents, utilizing teaching, communication and organizational skills. Leads youth while offering educational, fellowship, community service, and outreach opportunities, including participation in worship services and other church gatherings.

Contact: Carolyn McAllister at [caremca@aol.com](mailto:caremca@aol.com)

### *Children's Minister - Part-time*

The Children's Minister focuses on the ministry of the children of the parish, ages 4 years through 5th grade; helps form the faith of our children by developing a foundation of the Christian faith. Primarily leads children's Sunday school, and plans and implements special events involving children, families and the congregation at large.

Contact: Carolyn McAllister at [caremca@aol.com](mailto:caremca@aol.com)

### *Music Director - Part-time*

The Director of Music Ministry is a multi-function ministry and leadership position, which includes the primary responsibility to serve as church pianist/organist and director of adult and children's choirs.

Contact: Jerry White at [lwhite7314@aol.com](mailto:lwhite7314@aol.com)

## INSURANCE UPDATES

- Please visit our website for additional insurance info:
  - [Congregational Resources](#)
  - [Risk Management & Insurance Basics for Religious Organizations \(recommended\)](#)
  - [Safety and Insurance Handbook for Churches \(recommended\)](#)

## COMMUNICATIONS QUICK LINKS

[Submit an article for publication](#)

[Submit a church/community event](#)

[Submit a job posting](#)

## LINK TO SUBSCRIBE TO DIOCESAN EMAIL LIST

We would be so grateful if you would consider adding the link below to your regular church communications and on your websites 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, it is important to follow all copyright guidelines, which include maintaining a license to perform, broadcast, or print copyrighted music. Review your church's licensing agreements, and be sure to add the streaming option if you are broadcasting services online. Recommended licensing companies include [One License](#), [Christian Copyright Licensing International \(CCLI\)](#), [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. Both are available at [www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer](http://www.diocgc.org/cycle-of-prayer).

## DID THE BISHOP VISIT YOUR CHURCH?

If Bishop Russell made a visit to your church for confirmation, reception or other special event, we would love to have a group photo or two on file for our records and sharing in our newsletters! Send high resolution images (1MB or larger file size) to [jenn@diocgc.org](mailto:jenn@diocgc.org), including the photographer's name for credit.

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

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Wilmer Hall Sunday	July 30	Across the diocese
Diocesan Acolyte Festival	Aug 19	Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile <a href="#">Registration opens July 10</a>

## BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Funeral - Howard Cowgill [Father of Mary Poss]	Jul 7	St. Christopher's, Pensacola
Visitation	Jul 9	St. Michael's, Chickasaw
Visitation - Combined Services for St. Thomas, Laguna Beach and Grace Church, Panama City Beach	Jul 16	Grace, Panama City Beach
Visitation - Combined Services for St. Anna's, Poarch and Trinity, Atmore	Jul 23	Atmore, Alabama
Visitation	Jul 30	St. Thomas, Citronelle
Visitation	Jul 30	St. Peter's, Jackson

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**Treasurer's Report - June 2023**

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of June 30, 2023)

<b>Congregational Pledges</b>	<b>MTD Actual (2023)</b>	<b>YTD Rec'd (2023)</b>	<b>YTD Budget Variance</b>	<b>Annual Pledge (2023)</b>
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	(\$2,000)	\$12,000.00
Apalachicola, Trinity	\$1,666.00	\$9,996.00	\$0	\$20,000.00
Atmore, St. Anna's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$300)	\$600.00
Atmore, Trinity	\$200.00	\$1,000.00	(\$200)	\$2,400.00
Bay Minette, Immanuel	\$232.00	\$2,994.20	\$875	\$4,238.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's	\$473.20	\$2,817.75	(\$52)	\$5,740.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's	\$381.10	\$11,030.68	\$2,074	\$17,914.00
Cantonment, St. Monica's	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,200	\$600.00
Chickasaw, St. Michael's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$259)	\$517.00
Chipley, St. Matthew's	\$550.00	\$4,888.00	\$1,588	\$6,600.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas	\$50.00	\$50.00	(\$60)	\$220.00
Coden, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,750)	\$5,500.00
Crestview, Epiphany	\$200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0	\$2,400.00
Daphne, St. Paul's	\$0.00	\$26,000.00	(\$4,350)	\$60,700.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis	\$1,022.00	\$6,132.00	\$0	\$12,266.00
DeFnk Spgs, St. Agatha's	\$450.50	\$2,618.25	(\$309)	\$5,854.00
Destin, St. Andrew's	\$0.00	\$1,875.00	(\$1,875)	\$7,500.00
Dothan, Nativity	\$0.00	\$22,500.00	(\$4,500)	\$54,000.00
Enterprise, Epiphany	\$875.00	\$5,250.00	\$0	\$10,500.00
Eufaula, St. James'	\$1,275.00	\$7,650.00	\$0	\$15,300.00
Fairhope, St. James'	\$6,750.95	\$49,674.24	(\$15,326)	\$130,000.00
Foley, St. Paul's	\$0.00	\$8,956.68	(\$4,478)	\$26,870.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon	\$4,321.25	\$25,927.50	\$0	\$51,855.00
Greenville, St. Thomas	\$1,544.16	\$10,002.31	\$762	\$18,481.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis	\$2,895.00	\$8,173.00	\$214	\$15,918.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit	\$2,812.50	\$16,875.00	\$0	\$33,750.00
Jackson, St. Peter's	\$0.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,200	\$1,400.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas	\$339.50	\$2,403.74	(\$676)	\$6,160.00
Lillian, Advent	\$792.00	\$4,752.00	\$0	\$9,504.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	(\$5,000)	\$20,000.00
Marianna, St. Luke's	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	(\$1,500)	\$10,000.00
Milton, St. Mary's	\$0.00	\$3,615.25	(\$3,615)	\$14,461.00
Mobile, All Saints'	\$1,666.67	\$10,000.02	\$0	\$20,000.00
Mobile, Christ	\$3,483.33	\$20,899.98	\$0	\$41,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd	\$300.00	\$1,240.00	(\$65)	\$2,609.00
Mobile, Redeemer	\$1,261.76	\$6,167.70	(\$832)	\$14,000.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's	\$370.00	\$2,220.00	\$140	\$4,160.00
Mobile, St. John's	\$1,444.00	\$6,605.36	(\$895)	\$15,000.00
Mobile, St. Luke's	\$1,666.66	\$8,333.68	(\$1,666)	\$20,000.00
Mobile, St. Paul's	\$0.00	\$81,250.00	(\$16,250)	\$195,000.00
Mobile, Trinity	\$1,333.00	\$7,998.00	\$0	\$16,000.00
Monroeville, St. John's	\$268.78	\$2,305.76	(\$2,386)	\$9,384.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's	\$453.00	\$1,359.00	(\$329)	\$3,375.00
Niceville, St. Jude's	\$2,800.00	\$16,800.00	(\$145)	\$33,890.00
Ozark, St. Michael's	\$0.00	\$2,278.00	\$1,139	\$2,278.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity	\$3,025.00	\$18,150.00	\$1,650	\$33,000.00
Panama City, St. Andrew's	\$1,474.00	\$8,649.00	\$1,649	\$14,000.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's	\$282.87	\$1,305.15	(\$445)	\$3,500.00
Panama City Beach, Grace	\$1,036.00	\$5,180.00	(\$1,035)	\$12,429.00
Pensacola, Christ	\$9,810.00	\$49,967.00	(\$14,533)	\$129,000.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0	\$24,000.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity	\$1,365.46	\$4,096.38	\$0	\$8,193.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's	\$5,638.33	\$33,829.98	\$0	\$67,660.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,793)	\$3,585.00
Pensacola, St. John's	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	(\$6,859)	\$16,718.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James'	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$750)	\$1,500.00
Robertsdale, St. John	\$135.00	\$810.00	\$0	\$1,620.00
SRB, Christ King	\$0.00	\$20,830.00	(\$4,170)	\$50,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's	\$1,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$0	\$18,000.00
Wewahitchka, St. John's	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Pledges</b>	<b>\$68,144</b>	<b>\$588,057</b>	<b>(\$84,911)</b>	<b>\$1,345,949</b>