

THE GREEN SHEET

A newsletter for clergy and lay church leadership

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CLERGY NEWS

Congratulations to recently ordained transitional deacon **Ansley Walker**, who will serve at St. Christopher's, Pensacola effective July 6. **Congratulations to Tim Backus**, who has accepted a call as Vicar of St. Brigit in Frederick, Colorado effective August 1. We wish Tim, wife Sarah and family all the best in their new ministry. **Welcome to Brent and Cindy Norris** who have moved here from the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Brent has accepted the call as Rector of St. Paul's, Foley, effective August 1. We wish Brent and Cindy the very best in their new ministry among us. **Congratulations to Eric Zubler**, who has accepted a call as Associate Priest at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, effective August 15. We wish Eric and Connie all the best in their new ministry.

NEW HELP US CELEBRATE WILMER HALL CHILDREN'S HOME ON SUNDAY, JULY 25

Annually we recognize the fourth Sunday of July as Wilmer Hall Sunday in support and honor of the thriving mission and ministry of Wilmer Hall Children's Home, an agency of the diocese. Executive director, Pratt Paterson, and director of development, Mae Dennis will be mailing bookmarks to each church. You are invited to include them in your July 25 bulletin. Also, below is some information about Wilmer Hall for you to share in your church newsletters:

"Wilmer Hall was founded in 1864 as a home for orphans and widows. More than 157 years later, we continue to carry out our mission to serve young people in need. We serve children and young adults through residential and educational programs, all aiming to provide each individual with the skills they need to be successful, contributing members of our community. We serve 175 children in our education programs and up to 36 young people in our residential programs at any given time. Our residential programs serve young men and young women with children.

We would love to tell you more about our mission and ministry and to show you around our campus! To schedule a tour and/or lunch, please contact Director of Development Mae Dennis at 251.342.4931 or mdennis@wilmerhall.org."

Here are links to two photos for your use as well: [Wilmer Hall Campus](#), and [Wilmer Hall Residents](#)

Additionally, Wilmer Hall would be appreciative if churches would consider donating a portion of the loose plate offering to support their programs. Donations can be made online at www.wilmerhall.org or sent to Wilmer Hall Children's Home, 3811 Old Shell Rd, Mobile, AL 36608. Thank you.

DUE ASAP UPDATE DIRECTORY INFORMATION FOR DIOCESAN DATABASE

Annually, we request that all churches in the diocese electronically update their church staff and vestry directory information, especially changes in vestry positions, like senior wardens and treasurers. This ensures that we can properly contact church leadership as needed with important diocesan news and business, and opportunities for leadership training. The directory information is also included in our canonically required Journal of Convention that is submitted to The Episcopal Church each year. Contact jenn@diocgc.org with any questions.

[DIRECTORY UPDATE FORM](#)

NEW ANNUAL CHURCH AUDIT

Reminder that annual church audits for the year ending 2020 are due to the Diocese by September 1, 2021. This is one of the very few canonical requirements that all Episcopal churches need to complete. An updated audit checklist and directions can be found on the Diocesan website at: <https://www.diocgc.org/clergy-resources>. The new checklist was developed to assist and guide any church with an Audit Committee and provides a way to identify and track those processes that may need strengthening. Any questions, please contact the Administrator at dwright@diocgc.org or call the office at 850-434-7337.

CANTERBURY CLUB AT TROY UNIVERSITY

Is a member of your congregation attending Troy University this fall? The Troy University Canterbury Club at St. Mark's Episcopal Church would love to make contact before the academic year begins. Canterbury Club is a diverse, non-judgemental community of faith that is open to ALL. Please ask interested students to get in touch with the St. Mark's church office (334-566-2619, stmarksofficetroy@gmail.com) or [facebook.com/TroyCanterburyClub](https://www.facebook.com/TroyCanterburyClub) to let us know how we can support and enrich their time in Troy!

COMING UP FOR YOUTH LEADERS - GREENHOUSE SESSIONS: CULTIVATING REGROWTH OF OUR YOUTH GROUPS - PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR YOUTH LEADERS

Tuesdays: July 13, July 27, August 10, and August 24

Gather online with youth leaders from across the Diocese to talk about how your ministry is preparing for the upcoming year. Through a series of guided discussions with the DioCGC Youth Ministry Leadership Team, we will help churches of all sizes consider how their youth ministry will be renewed in the post-pandemic environment. We will cover these topics: planning, communication, recruiting, music, and worship!

Two session times offered:

- [Sign-up here for day sessions](#), held at 12 p.m. CDT
- [Sign-up here for evening sessions](#), held at 7:30 p.m. CDT
- Or do a combination of day and evening sessions - whatever fits your schedule!

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

2021 LOGIN CREDENTIALS FOR TENS STEWARDSHIP MATERIALS

2021 Password: James1:17 (Note: a username is no longer required.)

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/>

INSURANCE UPDATES

- CPG has the 2021 Clergy Tax Return Preparation Guide for 2020 Returns available on website or linked here: <https://www.cpg.org/globalassets/documents/publications/tax-2021-clergy-tax-return-preparation-guide-for-2020-tax-returns.pdf>. In addition the 2021 Federal Reporting Requirements for Episcopal Churches is also available on the website or linked here: <https://www.cpg.org/globalassets/documents/publications/tax-2021-federal-reporting-requirements-for-episcopal-churches.pdf>
- 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 \(recommended\)](#)

REMINDERS:

- As noted earlier, 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!

UPDATES CONGREGATIONS IN TRANSITION (as of 7/1/2021)

Andalusia, St. Mary's	Interim in place
Eufaula, St. James	Interim in place
Foley, St. Paul's	Call made and accepted
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis	Vacancy announced
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's Chapel	Vacancy announced
Milton, St. Mary's	Interim in place
Niceville, St. Jude's	Interim in place
Panama City Beach, Episcopal Churches of (Grace and St. Thomas)	Interviewing candidate
Troy, St. Mark's	Interviewing candidate

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 [Submit a job posting](#)

St. Francis of Assisi, Gulf Breeze is seeking a new church sexton. [Details here.](#)

Christ Church Parish, Pensacola, is seeking a part-time A/V Technician. [Details here.](#)

LEARN - PRAY - ACT RESOURCES

As 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.

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 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>.

BISHOP RUSSELL'S SCHEDULE

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Lambeth Bishops' Bible Study	Jul 6	Virtual conference
Vacation	Jul 6 - 16	Time with family
Province IV Youth Event	Jul 17	Troy, AL
Vacation	Jul 18 - 24	Time with family
Visitation	Jul 25 am	St. Francis, Gulf Breeze
Visitation	Jul 25 pm	St. John, Wewahitchka

UPCOMING DIOCESAN EVENTS

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Wilmer Hall Sunday	Jul 25	Across diocese

COMMUNICATIONS QUICK LINKS

[Submit an article for publication](#)

[Submit a church/community event](#)

[Submit a job posting](#)

Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

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Treasurer's Report - June 2021

(Please Note: Report reflects funds received as of June 30, 2021)

Congregational Pledges	MTD Actual (2021)	YTD Rec'd (2021)	YTD Budget Variance	Annual Pledge (2021)
Pledges				
Andalusia, St. Mary's (131)	\$1,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$480	\$11,040.00
Apalachicola, Trinity (120)	\$1,333.00	\$7,998.00	(\$282)	\$16,560.00
Atmore, St. Anna's (114)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$300)	\$600.00
Atmore, Trinity (27)	\$200.00	\$1,200.00	\$96	\$2,208.00
Bay Minette, Immanuel (29)	\$473.70	\$2,659.40	\$1,059	\$3,200.00
Bon Secour, St. Peter's (165)	\$565.80	\$2,991.20	(\$641)	\$7,265.00
Brewton, St. Stephen's (168)	\$3,283.27	\$13,073.75	\$6,143	\$13,861.00
Cantonment, St. Monica's (118)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$300)	\$600.00
Chickasaw, St. Michael's (45)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$259)	\$517.00
Chipley, St. Matthew's (46)	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	(\$450)	\$5,400.00
Citronelle, St. Thomas (4)	\$0.00	\$440.00	\$290	\$300.00
Coden, St. Mary's (33)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,042)	\$4,083.00
Crestview, Epiphany (40)	\$300.00	\$660.00	(\$720)	\$2,760.00
Daphne, St. Paul's (675)	\$5,000.00	\$30,403.00	\$202	\$60,403.00
Dauphin Isld, St. Francis (55)	\$826.00	\$5,050.00	(\$19)	\$10,138.00
DeFnk Spgs, St Agatha's (52)	\$591.40	\$2,204.58	\$535	\$3,340.00
Destin, St. Andrew's (83)	\$480.00	\$2,400.00	(\$824)	\$6,448.00
Dothan, Nativity (511)	\$2,260.00	\$13,560.00	(\$102)	\$27,324.00
Enterprise, Epiphany (47)	\$800.00	\$4,800.00	\$384	\$8,832.00
Eufaula, St. James' (196)	\$1,200.00	\$7,200.00	\$200	\$14,000.00
Fairhope, St. James' (1453)	\$9,306.01	\$50,667.91	(\$969)	\$103,273.00
Foley, St. Paul's (263)	\$3,333.40	\$10,000.28	\$800	\$18,400.00
Ft. Wltn Bch, St. Simon (516)	\$2,711.61	\$21,913.69	(\$4,836)	\$53,500.00
Greenville, St. Thomas (130)	\$3,513.00	\$10,331.37	(\$269)	\$21,200.00
Gulf Breeze, St. Francis (243)	\$1,588.00	\$10,644.00	\$1,534	\$18,220.00
Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit (375)	\$4,800.00	\$14,400.00	\$1,152	\$26,496.00
Jackson, St. Peter's (29)	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$756	\$1,288.00
Laguna Beach, St. Thomas (96)	\$811.96	\$3,182.06	\$400	\$5,565.00
Lillian, Advent (75)	\$938.50	\$5,631.00	\$111	\$11,040.00
Magnolia Spgs, St. Pauls (201)	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	(\$1,555)	\$13,110.00
Marianna, St. Luke's (132)	\$0.00	\$4,916.00	(\$358)	\$10,548.00
Milton, St. Mary's (160)	\$0.00	\$4,250.00	(\$4,250)	\$17,000.00
Mobile, All Saints' (418)	\$1,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$0	\$18,000.00
Mobile, Christ (607)	\$3,483.33	\$20,899.98	(\$0)	\$41,800.00
Mobile, Good Shepherd (146)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$212)	\$423.00
Mobile, Redeemer (270)	\$1,046.97	\$6,671.18	(\$1,969)	\$17,280.00
Mobile, St. Andrew's (37)	\$347.00	\$3,828.00	\$2,186	\$3,285.00
Mobile, St. John's (119)	\$968.93	\$5,076.19	(\$4,059)	\$18,271.00
Mobile, St. Luke's (331)	\$0.00	\$8,331.00	(\$1,669)	\$20,000.00
Mobile, St. Mark's (6)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,200)	\$2,400.00
Mobile, St. Paul's (2033)	\$0.00	\$72,920.00	(\$14,580)	\$175,000.00
Mobile, Trinity (215)	\$1,100.00	\$5,500.00	(\$1,500)	\$14,000.00
Monroeville, St. John's (45)	\$236.60	\$5,986.75	\$927	\$10,120.00
Navarre, St. Augustine's (127)	\$206.35	\$1,017.55	(\$556)	\$3,148.00
Niceville, St. Jude's (238)	\$5,121.00	\$17,997.00	\$6,369	\$23,256.00
Ozark, St. Michael's (44)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$784)	\$1,568.00
Pnma City, Holy Nativity (706)	\$2,500.00	\$15,000.00	\$0	\$30,000.00
Panama City, St. Andrews (250)	\$1,371.00	\$8,467.37	(\$3,533)	\$24,000.00
Panama City, St. Patrick's (64)	\$403.00	\$1,606.30	\$323	\$2,567.00
Panama City Beach, Grace (123)	\$1,834.00	\$5,502.00	\$2	\$11,000.00
Pensacola, Christ (1307)	\$10,175.00	\$50,113.00	(\$10,937)	\$122,100.00
Pensacola, Holy Cross (211)	\$1,800.00	\$10,900.00	\$100	\$21,600.00
Pensacola, Holy Trinity (90)	\$951.05	\$5,706.30	\$0	\$11,412.00
Pcola, St. Christopher's (603)	\$5,430.83	\$32,584.98	(\$1)	\$65,172.00
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's (45)	\$2,600.00	\$2,600.00	\$903	\$3,395.00
Pensacola, St. John's (104)	\$0.00	\$2,083.33	(\$2,917)	\$10,000.00
Pt St. Joe, St. James' (125)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$2,125)	\$4,250.00
Robertsdale, St. John (61)	\$270.00	\$810.00	\$376	\$869.00
SRB, Christ King (255)	\$954.15	\$20,075.20	(\$4,925)	\$50,000.00
Troy, St. Mark's (116)	\$1,420.00	\$8,520.00	(\$158)	\$17,355.00
Wewahitchka, St. John's (16)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$1,200)	\$2,400
Total Pledges	\$89,035	\$566,422	(\$45,173)	\$1,223,190