

Deadline to submit articles for "The Epistle" is the 15th of each month.

Summer office hours have started!

Mon-Thurs • 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. & Fri • 9 a.m. - noon.

June 20 • Vestry Meeting - 5:15 p.m.

We rejoice in the marriage of  
**Jocelyn Greer Holladay**  
and **Derrick Justin Vari**  
Saturday, May 20,  
at St. Paul's.



## Festival Raises \$8,600 for Charity

We had such a great day for our 2023 Mission & Music Festival as we came together to raise outreach funds to benefit Care Lodge and L.O.V.E.'s kitchen. After expenses, we made \$8,600 to donate to these two organizations. We also donated leftover uncooked fish to L.O.V.E.'s Kitchen to be used for a meal honoring police Officer Croom who died in the line of duty.

Thanks to all who bought fish plates and raffle tickets, prepared food for the frozen and bake sale, and showed up to help the day of the event to help cook, serve, and anything else that was needed. A special thank you to those who came to set up and take down — we couldn't have done it without your help.

I want to especially thank those who chaired various activities:

- Wayne Wuestefeld and Gary Jones - fish and hushpuppies,
- Rose Hudson - sides and serving
- Melissa Love and Sara Mason - freezer and bake sale

- Gloria Chancellor and Edie Simmons - raffle tickets
- Missy Bailey and Ann Compton - fish plate tickets
- Mallory Davis - children's activities
- Hallie and Zach Swindoll - kid's pizza plates
- Meredith Roberts - graphic design
- Judge Little - tents
- Dustin and Katie Simmons - bottled water
- Marty McIntyre - social media
- Kim Gianakos - TV, radio advertising, newsletter, social media

Congratulations to Marilyn Greene who won the trip to The Grand Hotel in Point Clear and a special thank you to Margaret Van Dyke who donated the beautiful handmade quilt that was won by Laura Holladay.

Not only was the festival a success to raise funds but also it was enjoyed by all who participated.

*Looking forward to next year!!  
In Christ, Bobbie Rea*

## Saying Farewell, But Not Goodbye

I am writing to you with a very full heart. As of July 15, I will be stepping down as Director of Children and Youth here at St. Paul's. Thank you all for embracing me and giving me the opportunity to serve over the past three years. It has blessed me beyond measure and I will treasure the friendships that I've made and experiences that I've had forever. I've watched babies grow into children and children grow into teens during my short tenure here. I know that God is going to do great things in their life.

I'm not going anywhere! I will still be around as a volunteer and hope to see smiling faces in Sunday

School and Children's Chapel when I'm able. I look forward to serving you at Wednesday night dinner from time to time, too. I've enjoyed doing it all and hope that you'll still have me every now and again, even though I'm hanging up my hat as a part-time staff member.

Upon moving to Meridian, I immediately felt at home here — not just within the church walls but also within our parish family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for loving me and my family. We love you and we love St. Paul's!

*Sincerely, Mallory Davis*

## Seeking God's Presence Through Pilgrimage

This summer, the Young Episcopal Community of Meridian will embark on a pilgrimage to Jackson Hole Wyoming. Their home base will be Thomas the Apostle Center, the Episcopal conference center in Cody. As pilgrims, they will seek God's presence through hikes through the wilderness, white water rafting, learning from indigenous peoples and serving the local community. Please remember them as they leave on the morning of Monday, June 26 and return home on Saturday, July 1.

The pilgrims for this trip are: Ann Revere Davis, Jack Martin, Annie Martin, Britton Dunn, Tucker Dunn, Cameron Burchfield, Sellers Breau, Lucy Simmons, Hardin Hiatt and Hayes Lancaster. Adults accompanying the group are: Fr. Austin, Fr. Morris Thompson, Emily Thompson and Claire Hasselle.

*God of Journeys, as you led and nourished your ancient people through the wilderness, give us the courage to set off on pilgrimage to seek the forms and styles of life and ministry you have prepared for us. You call us to leave familiar things and leave our "comfort zone." Guide our footsteps, open our eyes to new experiences, open our ears*

*to hear you speaking to us, touch our imaginations, and clear our vision that we may become the people you would have us to be. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who travels always with us. Amen.*



*May God the Father who created you, guide your footsteps;*

*May God the Son who redeemed you, share your journey;*

*May God the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you, lead you on life's pilgrimage; and,*

*The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you wherever you may go. Amen.*

*(Collect and Blessing from Pilgrimage Prayer, Canterbury Cathedral)*



# Children of God — Baptisms at St. Paul's



**Jack Lawrence Crowe**  
With Fr. Austin, mother Mary Lawrence,  
Jack and dad Michael.



**Maurice Jerome LaBiche**  
Son of Tricia Soulé LaBiche.



**Rivers Margaret**  
Mom Tiffany, Fr. Austin, dad Chris.  
David & Jo Benson's granddaughter.



**Isabel Susan Polson**  
**June Brooklynn Polson**  
**Eden Christopher Polson**  
Mom Marcy, Isabel Susan (11),  
June Brooklynn (9), Fr. Austin,  
Eden Christopher (6) and dad Chris.



## We Remember in our Prayers

*For our Parish family:* Andrea Carver, Anne Chalk, Cheri Barry, Clift Odom, Delena Avara, Don Pringle, DJ Wells, Ducky McCormick Elliott Street, Eve Morrison, Jo Van Devender, Kay Dickson, Lynn Waddle, Margaret Van Dyke, Marsha Miller, Mary Dunn, Peggy Carrico, Susan Hamilton, Tadley, Wanda Blount and Woodie Abraham.

*In our senior living communities:* Joyce Welsh, Lora Jones and Nita Neville.

*Extended family and friends:* Adele Whitlock, Alisha Crowell, Anne Rice Wooley, Ben Avara, Betty Perry, Bill Jones, Bill Selman, Brooke, Charlotte Chaney, Christy Covert, Clancy, Cory Gaylord, Davey Simmons, David, Diane Dunn, Donna Polizzi, Emily Rush, Evie Warden, Francois DuPlessis, Frances, Frank Baker, Frank Barrett, George Farr, Hays Monsour, Jada Dooley, James, Jan, Jeana Bennett, Jo Nell Brown, Jim Thompson, John, Katie Schaffer, Ken Fisher, Kennedy Grice, Kevin Williams, Kylie Temple, Lanier McCullough, Leland Tew, Lou Dubose, Martha Hudson, Martha Mazingo, Marti & Will Sorey, Mason, Matt White, Melinda Vinson Northern, Michael, Michelle Nelson, Mike Covert, Mize, Nick, Nell Nichols, Norman, Pat Carver, Patrick Leach, Penny Purnell, Randy Moore, Richard Graham, Rick, Roger, Sandra Gray, Sandy Carrier, Shirley Hunter Croft, Stefanie Lynn Roman, Thomas Little, Tom Schram, Tony Sansone, Trent Hartzog, Wanda Farr, Wanda Scott, Willie Spencer, Zack Martin and Travis Sadler.

*We pray for those who have died especially:* Lisa Primeaux and Mary Connor.

*We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces,* for all who serve overseas and their families, especially Andrew Behm, Shum Benson, Cody Blackwell, Connor Covert, Graham Ford, Nick Mullen, DJ Robinson and Zack Hendricks.

*We pray for our Bishop Brian,* our Rector Austin and his family.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| June 2 .....Delena Avara, Katie Hasselle                    | June 14 .....John & Linda Carrier,<br>Caroline Compton, Isabel Polson |
| June 3 .....Gary & Barbara Boone                            | June 16 .....Woodie & Helen Abraham                                   |
| June 5 .....Scotty & Albree Florey,<br>Robert & Lee Loeb    | June 18 .....Dana Lawyer, Page Sikes                                  |
| June 8 .....Robert & Missy Bailey                           | June 19 .....David Fitzgerald   |
| June 10 .....Michael & Mary Lawrence Crowe,<br>Mary Dunn    | June 21 .....Patrick Leach, Chad & Dixie Tibbetts                     |
| June 11 .....Tom & Joy Greer, Karen Rea,<br>Cooper Tibbetts | June 22 .....Larry Nowak  |
| June 12 .....Anthony & Leslie Hiatt                         | June 24 .....Greer Holladay Vari, Jean Merrell                        |
| June 13 .....Lisa Howell                                    | June 27 .....Peggy Carrico, Olivia Lewis                              |
|   | June 29 .....Chuck & Bobbie Rea                                       |

## Services

	JUNE 4	JUNE 11	JUNE 18	JUNE 25
<b>VESTRY COUNTERS</b>	Marty McIntyre & Lynn Waddle			
8 A.M.				
CHALICE	John Carrier	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier
READER	John Carrier	Polly Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier
USHER	John Carrier	Bob Covert	Malcom Gee	John Carrier
10:30 A.M.				
READER 1	Jerome Kittrell	Wayne Wuestefeld	Rob Calcote	Lloyd Gray
READER 2	Lynn Waddle	Mallory Davis	Katie Simmons	John Compton
PRAYERS	Helen Abraham	Kay Reich	Candy Ward	Joan Moore
USHERS	John Compton Ann Compton	Susan Nowak Larry Nowak	Perrin Burchfield Chris Burchfield	Gary Jones Wayne Wuestefeld
ACOLYTES	Malcom Gee Reese Stump Remy Stump	Britton Dunn	Ann Revere Davis	Lucy Simmons
ALTAR GUILD	Linda Carrier Bobbie Rea Edie Simmons	Linda Carrier Bobbie Rea Edie Simmons	Linda Carrier Candy Ward Lee Loeb	Linda Carrier Candy Ward Lee Loeb
CHALICE	Barbara Boone	Stephen Wilson	Gloria Chancellor	Rick Entrekin

## Purse for Our New Curate

We are excited and can't wait to welcome our new Curate, The Rev. Deacon Katie Sorey, who will be ordained to the Priesthood Saturday, June 17, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson. Please mark this date on your calendar and show our support from St. Paul's. On Sunday, July 9, we will have a "Greet and Welcome Celebration" during the formation hour in the Parish Hall. At that time we will present the purse gift to her. If you are writing a check, please mark in your contributions or on your check memo line, "Purse for Katie."

## Help with Transportation for Parishioners

The Vestry has identified that there is a need from time to time for Parishioners to have a ride to and from church on Sunday, special occasion meals and Wednesday night suppers.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact any Vestry member.

Your Vestry Members, Chuck Rea, Sr. Warden; Stephen Wilson Jr. Warden; Lloyd Gray; Jamie Smith; Chris Stump; Stacey Harwell; Bob Cover; Lynn Waddle; Gloria Chancellor; John Compton and Marty McIntyre.