

# CREATOR



## Chronicle



April 2018

*"As a congregation named for our Creator, we are children of the Living God, beloved brothers and sisters of our Lord Jesus Christ, selflessly living out our faith in worship, fellowship, giving, education and outreach."*

### BEYOND NO HOPE

#### Dear Friends:

As we enter the season of Easter, I want to share my an article from 2013 by my friend and teacher Episcopal Priest, author, and mystic Cynthia Bourgeault.

She writes:

If we miss the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter, we miss a crucial part of the Holy Week story.

In his account of the events that transpired between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, Matthew says that on Friday

**When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away.**

This is a tomb, "hewn in the rock," a kind of cave, probably large enough for a person to stand up in. Joseph lay the lifeless body of Jesus in this rock hewn tomb. He rolled "a great stone" across the entrance to the cave and walked away.

***The end.***

The air inside the tomb did not stir. It was completely dark. There was only the stillness and silence of death in that tomb.

Reflecting on the death of Jesus Dr. Allen Callahan says,

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**When it happened it was such a disastrous finish to what was such a glorious beginning that no hope, no human hope could be sustained.**

**And so everyone's heart was broken.**

**Now the traditions are very emphatic that Jesus died. He didn't swoon; he didn't go into a coma. He was dead ... *He was dead.***

**Good Friday is really not that good at all. It is the place where hope cannot be found. It's not that you cannot see it. It's not there. It's really not there.**

The tomb is the place that comes after you have no hope. It is the place that is even darker and more hopeless than the cross. The tomb is the place where life and light and beauty have all come to an end. In the tomb, according to all your senses there is nothing more. There is no consolation, no glimmer of light, no expectation. ***The story is just over.***

***Or is it?***

Hidden from sight, in this tomb some mystery began to stir. An invisible power, a force of life was being unleashed.

In a dimension we cannot see, or smell, or touch, or taste, or hear, a miracle was being born. New life was unfolding. That winding cloth in which they wrapped Jesus' body, like the chrysalis of a caterpillar, was being laid aside to reveal the unfolding reality that, ***beyond no hope there is something more.***

Beyond what our senses can perceive or our minds can begin to comprehend, there is something more.

*Easter demonstrates that there is another dimension to human existence than the merely physical realities that take up so much of our time, attention and energy.*

It is in this other dimension that the true nature of human existence resides.

How does this other reality begin to become true for us?

The answer lies in following the path of "Mary Magdalene and the other Mary." Matthew says,

**After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.**

That is the place we find Jesus. He is in the last place we expect him. He is in the hopeless place, the place where we have come to the end of our resources, where we know we have failed, have been wrong, have not measured up. Jesus resides in the place where we no longer believe in the illusion of our control over life and so choose to surrender.

Thomas Merton wrote in his book *Disputed Questions*,

**Our Christian hope is the purest of all lights that shine in darkness, but it shines in darkness, and one must enter into darkness to see it shining.**

We do not find light by denying the darkness. We do not find light by trying to fix the world, or struggling in a futile attempt to assert control over the circumstances of life.

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We find the light that is the love and power of God, by acknowledging the darkness and by entering into that darkness of self-denial and death. We discover the place within ourselves that knows God when we walk into the darkness of uncertainty, doubt and fear. *We find the truth that is Jesus in the midst of our pain and confusion, never in spite of these difficult realities.*

Leonard Cohen understood this profoundly when he wrote his beautiful prayer, “Show me the place.”

**Show me the place, help me roll away the stone**

**Show me the place, I can't move this thing alone**

**Show me the place where the word became a man**

**Show me the place where the suffering began**

*The truth we see in Easter is that we uncover our true humanity when we allow the stone that lies across the tomb of our heart to be rolled away. Then, in the midst of the darkness we discover true light and hope.*

The extraordinary reality of Easter is that the light, the truth and the love that are born in our hearts by the grace of God are finally seen to be stronger, more real, more true and more pure than all the violence, all the darkness and all the suffering that the world could ever impose upon anyone. ***Jesus has risen.***

In his resurrection Jesus has healed the brokenness of the world. *He has renewed that pure image of God that is our true heritage.* He has set us back upon the path to freedom, hope and joy that lies in the innermost depths of our being.

The challenge now is to live with the stone rolled away, with hearts open to the tender Spirit who moves in the darkness bringing us to light.

**Happy Easter! Yours in Christ,**

**Pastor Bob**

## **CASSEROLE MINISTRY**

The Creator Pastoral Care Team is hoping to get your assistance in reinstating a **CASSEROLE MINISTRY** beginning in May.

We are proposing to keep three (3) casseroles in the kitchen freezer that will be available to families who we wish to support in times of unexpected need as a result of a hospital stay, prolonged illness, or death of a loved one.

We need to build a team of 6 to 8 volunteers who would be willing to make a casserole to be stored in the freezer. When one is removed, we will call the next team member on our list to replenish that casserole, thus keeping cooks and dishes in a rotating sequence.

If you think you might be interested in participating in this project or would like more information, please contact the church office at **601-924-2261** or **Tori Meyers** at **601-925-4210** / email at **deartoto36@att.net**.

**Thank you,**

**Polly Marshall and Tori Meyers, The Creator Pastoral Care Team**



# *Senior Recital*

*You are cordially invited to the Senior Recital*

*of*

*Sarah Brantley*

Monday, April 9 @ 3:00 pm

Aven Recital Hall, Mississippi College

Reception to follow

*Aven Hall is on the corner of College St. and Jefferson St. just west of the MC library.*



## Prime Timers

Wednesday, April 4

12:00 - Healing Service

12:30 - Prime Timers' Pot Luck Lunch



## Creator's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Creator's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held

Easter Sunday, April 1 at 9:30 am.

Each participating child will need to bring one dozen (or more) candy/treat filled eggs. The eggs should be left in the parish hall by 9:00 am. The eggs will be hidden on the church grounds in age appropriate sections. Please remember to bring your child's Easter basket to carry while hunting.

We hope to see you there!!! Happy Hunting!!!

## Easter Luncheon

Immediately following the 10:30 Easter service

Please bring your favorite meat, casserole, side dish, salad or dessert and join us as we celebrate Christ's resurrection. **Beth will send out an email with all the details.**

Set up volunteers are needed. After the luncheon, a small crew is needed for dish washing and clean-up.

Please give Beth Braley a call if you are willing and able to help in any way.



Come and Join Us!

## Monthly Church Work Day

Saturday, April 21

There is a lot going on and we could really use some extra hands!



## **He's a Winner!**

**Pack 345, Clinton, MS**

Tiger Cub Cooper Caves took 1st place overall at our Pinewood Derby last month. He then took his car to the Four Rivers District competition in Raymond.

Cooper won 1st Place in the Tiger division and 3rd Place overall!!!

Way to go Cooper!



## Pack 345



**Cubmaster:** Mike Milone  
**Assistant Cubmaster:** Tom Simpson  
**Pack Committee:** John Gardner, Chairman, Edie Hill,  
 John Fox

## Pack 345 Calendar - 2017 - 2018

<p><b>September</b></p> <p>17 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am          21 New Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm          28 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>October</b></p> <p>13-15 Akela Cub Weekend          20-22 Akela Cub Weekend          28 Brighton Park, 2:00 pm, Water Rockets</p> <p><b>November</b></p> <p>30 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm, Guest is AMR</p> <p><b>December</b> <i>No Pack Meeting</i>, Winter Pack Outing</p> <p><b>January</b></p> <p>25 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm, Guest is CPD</p> <p><b>February</b></p> <p>4 Scout Sunday (@ church @ 10:00 am)          9-11 Cub Scout Polar Weekend          22 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm (Pinewood Derby)</p>	<p><b>March</b></p> <p>1 Camp Card Sales Begin          3 District Pinewood Derby          22 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>April</b></p> <p>13-15 Cuboree Weekend          26 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm          26 Camp Card Sales End (money due)</p> <p><b>May</b></p> <p>3 Year-end Parent &amp; Den Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm          31 Blue &amp; Gold Banquet, 6:00 pm          Graduation</p> <p><b>June - July</b></p> <p>TBD Cub / Webeles Summer Camp          TBD District Day Camp          TBD Pack Summer Outing</p>
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# VESTRY DIGEST

## The March 19 meeting of the Vestry of Creator:

**Present:** Bob Blanton, Priest in Charge, Joyce White, Senior Warden, Tom Kany, Jr. Warden, Michael Piazza, Treasury Committee Representative, Richard McMullan, Linda Piazza, Doug George, John Lanford

**Absent:** Dianne Martin, Andrew Wilder

## **Junior Warden Report**

- **Parking Lot Wall:** No action
- **Spotlights in Nave:** Made calls to Mr. Stegall to get quote. Call back not received. McKinnis electric gave bid of \$3,200 – not to be acted on.
- **Schmid Educational Building sign:** Will be hung on the exterior.
- **Exit Lights:** Need to be LED replacing the current. New LED will be 4 @ \$14 per bulb to be ordered from The Exit Lights company online and then will be installed.

## **Treasurer Report**

- Michael Piazza presented the report for February (attached). The church now has 3.5 months cash reserve.
- Safe Harbor paid deposit and first month's rent totaling \$1,500. They had a successful first service while taking good care of the facility during their time.

## ***Old Business***

- **Parish Development Council** (Michael Piazza)
- **Parking Lot & Walkways** - Pressure washing, and striping completed - to be paid for from building and property improvement restricted fund.
- **Social Media** - Michael had two meetings with Clay Mansell of Mansell Media to discuss: website rework; Clinton Courier presence; Facebook rework; email management; creation of tools for Welcome Committee; analysis of signage and posted information. Proposal submitted by Mansell Media was accepted (attached). Fees for services to be paid from Parish Development Fund restricted account. After discussion, John Lanford volunteered for him and the Public Information Committee to be critically involved in the media and public face activities.

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## **New Business**

- **New Vestry Roles** - Joyce handed out a suggested Vestry Committee service list (attached).
  - Linda will now be in charge of the Bishop visit in June.
  - Andrew will assist Doug with the Fall Festival.
  - Joyce emphasized the list was a starting point that would develop over time.
- **Easter luncheon** – Beth will send email to coordinate food & setup/takedown
- **Easter Egg Hunt** – Richard will serve as adult supervisor, Braley girls & Lanford girls to set up & hide eggs 9:30.
- **Maundy Thursday** - Bob requested the Vestry to strip altar after the Maundy Thursday service (3-29-18)
- **Brick Street Festival** - Bob is now on the Committee of the Brick Street Festival – discussed the BBQ on the Boulevard in October. Two possibilities: sell pork butts at the festival; contract with someone to sell BBQ on site. More discussion to come with a focus on presales of butts.
- **Piano recital** - Joyce reported that Ezra Wall had received contact from a piano instructor to hold their piano recital in the Nave, specifically on a Sunday afternoon. Concern was expressed about using the Nave for such a purpose, all agreed that such an event should be in the fellowship hall with a suggested charge of \$100.

**Adjourned at 7:45.**

*Minutes of vestry meetings may be found on the bulletin board outside the administrator's office following their approval and correction if needed. If you would like a copy, please call the office and a copy will be provided to you via email.*



# CREATOR *April Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 2:00 pm: Boy Scouts 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor  <b>Easter Sunday &amp; Pot Luck</b>	<b>2</b> 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	<b>3</b> 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Girl Scouts	<b>4</b> 12:00 am: Healing Service 12:30 pm: Prime Timers 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	<b>5</b> 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting
<b>8</b> 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 2:00 pm: Boy Scouts 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor	<b>9</b> 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	<b>10</b> 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Girl Scouts	<b>11</b> 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	<b>12</b> 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting
<b>15</b> 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 2:00 pm: Boy Scouts 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor  <b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>16</b> 6:30 pm: Vestry 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	<b>17</b> 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm: Safe Harbor 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group	<b>19</b> 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting  <b>Church Work Day</b>
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# April Servers

	1 Easter Sunday	8	15	22	29
Chalice	Bob White Tori Meyers	Mike Milone Richard McMullan	Bob White Chuck Runyan	Mike Milone Tori Meyers	Mike Milone Richard McMullan
Lectors	Joan Blanton John Lanford	John Gardner Deborah Runyan	John Lanford Max Lanford	Richard McMullan Joan Blanton	Fred Shirley Maddie Gray Braley
Prayers	Fred Shirley	Chuck Runyan	Deborah Runyan	Janie Fields	Fred Shirley
Acolytes	<b>See March Newsletter</b>	Landon Daniel Manny Diaz-Olarra	Ruby Lanford Tristan McMullan	Rowan Braley Max Lanford	Maddie Gray Braley Manny Diaz-Olarra
Ushers	Richard McMullan Rivers McMullan	John Gardner Tristan McMullan	Doug George Abby Donaho	Richard McMullan Rivers McMullan	Tom Kany Tori Meyers
Altar	Larry Estes	Rhea Estes	Katy Lanford	Larry Estes	Beth Braley
Home Communion			Edie Hill Tom Kany		
Vestry Person of the Day	Andrew Wilder	Richard McMullan	Doug George	Linda Piazza	Tom Kany



## Birthdays & Anniversaries



### Birthdays

2 Joan Blanton  
3 Jolyne Shirley  
Pamela Wilder  
6 Richard McMullan  
Amy Daniel  
7 Max Lanford  
10 Nickie Carre

### Birthdays

Gale Nelson  
Beverly Wilder  
13 Kathy Milone  
20 Tristan McMullan  
28 Mary Hulsebosch  
29 Courtney Randall  
30 Charles Williams

### Anniversaries

4 Scott & Linda Waldbauer  
9 Chuck & Deborah Runyan  
19 Frank &  
Bettye Sue Hennington

# Episcopal Church of the Creator

## Church Office Hours:

9:00 am—2 pm, Monday—Thursday

### *Presiding Bishop*

**The Most Reverend Michael Curry**

### *Bishop*

**The Very Reverend Brian Seage**

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“We are a congregation of the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi: One church in mission, inviting, transforming, and reconciling. We seek to serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being.”