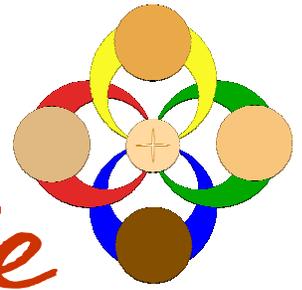


CREATOR

Chronicle



"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."

March 2019

Dear Friends:

I want to take this occasion to share with you some reflections on the background and meaning of the Lenten Season. In our April Newsletter, I will share reflections on the possible meanings of the Easter Season.

Lent is the period of 40 days that comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Fasting, both from food and festivities, marks the season of Lent.

Whereas **Easter** celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion, believed to have taken place in Roman occupied Jerusalem.

The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21st century (and not all do) use it as a time for prayer and penance ... Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday ... It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favorite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice, it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

Ash Wednesday

- Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent for Western Christian churches. It's a day of penitence to clean the soul before the Lent fast.
- Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Lutheran churches hold special services at which worshippers are marked with ashes as a symbol of death and sorrow for sin.
- The service draws on the ancient Biblical traditions of covering one's head with ashes, wearing sackcloth, and fasting.

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- In Ash Wednesday services churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes as a sign of penitence and mortality.
- The use of ashes, made by burning palm crosses from the previous Palm Sunday, is very symbolic.
- The minister or priest marks each worshipper on the forehead, and says remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return, or a similar phrase based on God's sentence on Adam in Genesis 3:19.
- The modern practice is for the priest to dip his right thumb in the ashes and, making the Sign of the Cross on each person's forehead, say: Remember, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt return (or a variation on those words).

Symbolism of the ashes

The marking of their forehead with a cross made of ashes reminds each churchgoer that:

- Death comes to everyone
- We regret things done and left undone
- By the Grace of God we can change for the better
- God made the first human being by breathing life into dust, and without God, we are lifeless dust and ashes

Why 40 days?

40 is a significant number in Jewish-Christian scripture:

- In Genesis, the flood, which destroyed the earth, was brought about by 40 days and nights of rain.
- The Hebrew people spent 40 years wandering in the wilderness before reaching the land promised to them by God.
- Moses fasted for 40 days before receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.
- Following his Baptism, Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.
- Most Christians regard this time spent by Jesus in the wilderness as the key event for the duration of Lent.

Why is it called Lent?

- Lent is an old English word meaning '*lengthen*'.
- Lent is observed in spring, when the days begin to get longer.

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Why the color purple

- Purple is the symbolic color used in some churches throughout Lent, for drapes and altar frontals.
- Purple is used for two reasons:
 - ◊ firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and
 - ◊ secondly because purple is the color associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ's resurrection and sovereignty.

East and West

- Both the eastern and western churches observe Lent but they count the 40 days differently.
- The western church excludes Sundays (which is celebrated as the day of Christ's resurrection) whereas the Eastern Church includes them.
- The churches also start Lent on different days.
- Western churches start Lent on the 7th Wednesday before Easter Day (called Ash Wednesday).
- Eastern churches start Lent on the Monday of the 7th week before Easter and end it on the Friday 9 days before Easter. Eastern churches call this period the 'Great Lent'.
- The last week of Lent is called Holy Week.

From Palm Sunday to Ash Wednesday

- Palm Sunday celebrates Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, so when the crosses used in the Palm Sunday service are converted to ashes, the worshippers are reminded that defeat and crucifixion swiftly followed triumph.
- But using the ashes to mark the cross on the believer's forehead symbolizes that through Christ's death and resurrection, all Christians can be free from the fear of death and sin.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Bob



Healing Service and Prime Timers

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 - NO Healing Service, imposition of ashes

12:30 - Prime Timers' Pot Luck Lunch

Ash Wednesday Mass

with imposition of ashes

March 6: Noon and 6:30 pm.

“Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”



Lenten Study Series

There will be a series of classes presented each Wednesday night at 6:30 during Lent.

(Soup & Salad will be served from 6:00—6:30 pm)

See page 7 for a list of class subjects.

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Come and
Join Us!

Monthly Church Work Day

Saturday, March 16 (8-12am)

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

Dear Creator Family,

Christmas is not far behind us, and the Flower Guild thanks everyone who contributed to the Christmas flower fund. We also want to thank those who came to help with preparing the church for Christmas Eve celebration! Thank You!!

Your flower Guild is now ready to plan for Easter, April 21, 2019. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, March 6. We hope you will want to share in the beautification of our church for Easter. We will be accepting contributions to the Flower Fund beginning March 3. We ask that you get your donations in by Sunday, April 7, which will give the Flower Guild a budget and time to order flowers and decorations. Remember that you are encouraged to submit a dedication list that will be in the bulletin with other contributor's. Please mail check & dedication to Creator's office, or drop into the collection plate in an envelope marked "Easter flowers" any Sunday through April 7.

We always welcome help with decorating the church for Christmas & Easter. If you'd like to help, just contact any flower guild member.

Thanks again,

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FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

(3rd Sunday each month)

When you are grocery shopping, please remember to pick up some extra, non-perishable food goods and bring them to church the next time you come. We will be continuing this outreach ministry each month on the third Sunday each month, so mark the dates on your calendar.



Don't be late!

Make sure you mark your calendars to “set your clocks ahead one hour” before going to sleep Saturday, March 9.

Adult Acolyte Program Announcement

I have been truly blessed by this ministry over the last twenty years. Sadly though, all things one day must eventually come to an end. We currently have six Acolytes and at the end of May 2020 there will be four. Landon will graduate the following May leaving three. That being said, beginning September 2019, we need to begin planning for the future.

I will be scheduling several training sessions this coming summer for any adults who would like to serve as Acolytes. You will go through the same training as our youth and beginning in September, 2019 adults will begin serving one Sunday each month.

If you are interested in becoming part of this rewarding ministry, please contact me by email.

Mike Milone

michael-milone@comcast.net

Upcoming Lenten Study Series

There will be a series of classes presented each Wednesday night at 6:30 during Lent.

(These classes will also qualify as part of confirmation class requirements)

Below is the list of class subjects.

God | Faith is a Quest | Brian McLaren: “If you ask me, ‘Is God real?’ I first have to ask, ‘Which God are we talking about?’” With these words, Brian McLaren gives voice to a common struggle among people of faith – who exactly is this God we worship? Is God a mighty fortress, solid and unchanging? Is God a mystical, unknowable force that floats around us like a vapor? How can we speak of faith if we can’t even speak of God with any certainty? How can we chart a course through the often-murky waters of Christian tradition and find our way to God?

Religion | Spirituality Is Not Enough | Lillian Daniel: What does it mean to be spiritual? Is it the same as being religious? Lillian Daniel pushes back at this question that has been stirring up the cultural conversation for a while now. She asks us to consider how the seeds of faith to take root and thrive. What role does organized religion play in helping – or hindering – growth? If religion is the problem, why has it held fast for thousands of years? In this age of religious pluralism, is it possible or even desirable to stick with our age-old traditions?

Jesus | The Revolution Of Love | Mark Scandrette: What does it mean to walk in the way of Jesus? To explore this question, Mark Scandrette looks to the ancient Japanese concept of the Dojo. What if our churches became places where we practiced being like Jesus? What if we were serious about joining in with Jesus’ Revolution of Love? What if we took the kind of social and economic risks Jesus took and reshaped what it means to be a Christian? As Mark invites us into the Dojo, we find ourselves looking at a Master who might be asking us to walk down a path we never imagined.

Salvation | Abundant Life Now | Shane Hipps: The cross of Christ stands as a symbol of God’s saving work. But what, exactly, does it mean to be saved? From what? For what? Is salvation a reward we claim at death or something meant to change our lives right now? For Shane Hipps, these are the questions we need to answer if we are to truly receive the release that comes with salvation in the here and now.

Cross | Where God Is | Nadia Bolz-Weber: The cross sits at the center of our faith, and yet our understanding of what exactly happened on that cross remains conflicted and confusing. Was Jesus our proxy? The payment? The only way to appease an angry God? Nadia Bolz-Weber reminds us that our theories about the cross tell us as much about ourselves and our view of God as they do about Jesus and salvation.

Bible | A Book Like No Other | Lauren Winner: Why read the Bible? This is Lauren Winner’s central question. For Lauren, an avid reader, there remains something odd about the way Christians read the Bible. Why do we keep turning to the same stories in search of some new revelation? What is it about the Bible that makes it worth repeated reading? What gets in our way as we read the Bible and try to make sense of it? These are issues the church has wrestled with for centuries and yet we keep at it. We keep coming back to this book and its strange narrative full of plagues and miracles and destruction and rebirth. So why do we do it?

Church | An Imperfect Family | Bruce Reyes-Chow: Bruce Reyes-Chow knows he’s not inventing the metaphor of the church as family. So he suggests we take our changing notions about what it means to be a family and let them seep into our understanding of the church. For Bruce, it’s the messiness, the dysfunction, and the joy that comes from complex relationships that make church worth hanging on to. So how do we stay connected to this sometimes-broken family system? What does it mean to commit ourselves to the church family, for better or for worse?



Pack 345

Cubmaster: Mike Milone
Pack Committee: John Lanford, Chairman, Edie Hill,
 John Fox



Pack 345 Calendar - 2017 - 2018

<p>September</p> <p>16 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am</p> <p>20 New Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm</p> <p>27 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>October</p> <p>12-14 Akela Cub Weekend</p> <p>19-21 Akela Cub Weekend</p> <p>27 Brighton Park, 2:00 pm, Water Rockets</p> <p>November</p> <p>29 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm, Flag Retirement</p> <p>December</p> <p>2 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am</p> <p>TBD <i>No Pack Meeting</i>, Winter Pack Outing</p> <p>January</p> <p>24 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>February</p> <p>3 Scout Sunday (@ church @ 10:00 am)</p> <p>8-10 Cub Scout Polar Weekend</p> <p>28 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm (Pinewood Derby)</p>	<p>March</p> <p>1 Camp Card Sales Begin</p> <p>TBD District Pinewood Derby</p> <p>28 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>April</p> <p>25 Pack Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>25 Camp Card Sales End (money due)</p> <p>26-28 Cuboree Weekend</p> <p>May</p> <p>5 Pack Committee Meeting, 11:30 am</p> <p>16 Year-end Parent & Den Leader Meeting, 6:00 pm</p> <p>30 Blue & Gold Banquet, 6:00 pm</p> <p>Graduation</p> <p>June - July</p> <p>TBD Cub / Webeles Summer Camp</p> <p>TBD District Day Camp</p> <p>TBD Pack Summer Outing</p>
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Vestry Digest

February 15, 2019

Present: Bob Blanton, Priest in Charge, Joyce White, Senior Warden, Chuck Runyan, Jr. Warden, Andrew Wilder, Deborah Runyan, Jennifer Duncan, Doug George, Dianne Martin, Treasurer, Bettye Sue Hennington, Clerk of the Vestry

Absent: John Lanford

Visitor:

Treasurer's Report:

Discussion followed regarding changes that can be made to decrease expenses for 2019.

Junior Warden Report:

- Clean up day went well and, hopefully, there will be more people for the next clean up day. Holes in the wall are being repaired and the sheetrock repainted in the Parish Hall. A rail system will be installed for hanging the artwork for 2019 Taste of the Arts.
- Chuck suggested that we get HVAC company out to give the units a spring check.
- Pastor Bob mentioned that the outside door (at the choir door) into the Narthex needs to be checked.
- Chuck also mentioned that the Vestry person of the day needs to be reminded to adjust the thermostat in the church to between 60° to 65° after 10:30 church service.
- Chuck Runyan and Frank Hennington and Doug George will check on the thermostat situation for the educational building.

Old Business:

- The church is making progress on establishing a girls' scouting BSA for ages 10.5-18. Chuck believes there will be enough participants and enough adults who can be qualified to lead. There must be female leaders and male leaders are welcomed. Future plans include establishing a girls' Cub Scout pack. The existing boys' BSA scout troop continues to dwindle.
- Website update: The website idea may need to be put on hold because of the cost. Face book may be a better choice for the church. Joan and John will look into the possibility.

Vestry Minutes *continued on next page*

New Business:

- We will be having a work day on 3/16/2019. Safe Harbor has been invited to participate. Rhea has posted a list that needs to be done and anyone can come in and work on that list.
- Rhea suggested that we have a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday for 2020. It was also suggested there be a food drive for that event rather than a charge with the food going to charity. The Vestry decided to wait until 2020 for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.
- Lenten Study Series will begin 3/13/2019 and continue through 5/1. Food will be ready at 6:00 for people to serve themselves. Soup, salad, break and drink will be served. Lenten message will begin at 6:30 pm. Safe Harbor will provide and prepare food for 3/20, 4/3, and 4/24. Creator will be responsible for providing and preparing food for 3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 5/1. Dianne Martin volunteered to coordinate the food for 3/13.
- Sunday school for adults and children will begin 2/24. Bob and other volunteers to teach adult Sunday School. Deborah Runyan, Janie Fields, Linda Waldbauer and Vicky Donaho will teach the children's Sunday School. Additional volunteers are needed for children's and adult Sunday School. Deborah, Janie, Linda and Vicky will meet at 7 pm on Thursday, 2/21.
- 193rd Annual Council will be hosted by All Saint's in Tupelo, MS from 2/7/2020 through 2/9/2020 at the Bancorp South Arena. Instruction for new council attendees will occur prior to Council next year.
- Safe Harbor would like to have a permanent sign. Creator will need to change the current signage since the City of Clinton allows only one sign. Jennifer Duncan moved to allow Safe Harbor to have a sign placed in the brick columns. Deborah Runyan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Doug requested that AA be able to put up a sign indicating that the meetings take place in the Educational Building. Request was approved.

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 8:00 am: Mass 10:30 am: Mass 2:00 pm: Boy Scouts 6:00 pm: Safe Harbor	4 7:30 pm: DOA—Big Book Group	5 12:00 pm: AA Meeting	6 12:30 pm: Prime Timers 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts 7:00 pm: Adult Choir 7:00 pm: Men's AA Group Ash Wednesday Noon & 6:30 pm	7 12:00 pm: AA Meeting 6:00 pm: Cub Scouts	8	9 5 pm: AA / Al-Anon Meeting 
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Lectors	Ross Turner Joan Blanton	John Lanford Landon Daniel	Pennie Van Brocklin Joan Blanton	Fred Shirley Stone Braley	Chuck Runyan Ruby Lanford
Prayers	Janie Fields	Wendy Brantley	Deborah Runyan	Chuck Runyan	Pennie Van Brocklin
Acolytes	Landon Daniel Manny Diaz-Olarra	Ruby Lanford Max Lanford	Ruby Lanford Manny Diaz-Olarra	Maddie Gray Braley Rowan Braley	Rowan Braley Landon Daniel
Ushers	Beverly Wilder Pam Wilder	BettyeSue Hennington Frank Hennington	Doug George Abby Donaho	Beth Braley Stone Braley	Usher Needed Usher Needed
Altar	Beverly Wilder Pam Wilder	Katy Lanford	Sandra Randall Tommye Kirksey	Larry Estes	Ross Turner
Home Communion			Edie Hill		
Vestry Person of the Day	Ross Turner	Jennifer Duncan	Doug George	Chuck Runyan	Deborah Runyan



Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 1 David Miller
- 4 John Richard
- 6 Maddie Gray Braley
Abby Donaho
- 9 Josh Thibodeaux
Elaine Gardner
- 16 Megan White

- 25 Larry Estes
Linda Waldbauer
- 26 Liam Cospelich
- 31 Chuck Runyan

Anniversaries

		6 Ash Wednesday 6:30 pm			
Chalice		Mike Milone			
Lectors		Chuck Runyan Deborah Runyan			
Prayers		N/A			
Acolytes		Maddie Gray Braley			
Ushers		Ruby Lanford			
Altar		Sandra Randall Tommye Kirksey			
Home Communion					
Vestry Person of the Day		John Lanford			

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