

## *St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Newsletter* Vol. 11, Issue 4

### **The Last Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 22, 2020**

#### *The Collect*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



**Today, I am thankful!**

**What if you woke up today with only the things that you thanked God for yesterday. Ponder that.**

**Laughter**

**Education**

**Holidays**

**Hugs, kisses and love**

**Memories**

**Forgiveness**

**Husband**

**Children**

**Wife**

**Seasons**

**Hope**

**Mornings**

**Smiles**

**Fresh air**

**Home**

**Books**

**Music**

**Sunsets**

**Good Friends**

**Fun**

**Food to eat**

**Quality time**

**A warm place to sleep**

**Rainbows**

**Apologies**

**Get the idea?**

***“Be thankful for what you have: you’ll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don’t have, you will never, ever have enough” Oprah Winfrey***

## Surviving the Pandemic: Reflections

“I miss my church family, but I especially miss Rev. Edwards and the conversations we had. I worked the polls during the recent presidential election, which I’ve done for the past twenty plus years. I believe I serviced from five to six hundred people. We had a large turnout, in spite of this virus. When this pandemic is over, and I hope that’s soon, I would like to go to New Orleans and Las Vegas. I miss being able to go on my trips”. **Bettye Collins**



Bettye Collins

Carolyn Hobson with family

Pat Jackson

Judith Neal

“I haven’t been able to do much here in my Devonshire dwellings. They are very strict, and so far we have not had cases of COVID-19. When you go out to an appointment and return, you must quarantine for 14 days. Sometimes, with appointments back to back for Calvin and myself, I feel that I’m forever in quarantine. We watch a lot of television. I’m just thankful to be here.”

**Carolyn Hobson**

“It’s been very challenging with this virus. You have to be so careful about going in and out of places. I’ve been to school a few times to the library. I’ve created a library Google site and I’m on zoom about four times a day for a recovery class with students needing help. I haven’t worked with Hampton Academy since the pandemic. I miss seeing and talking to the church members, being with the choir and singing. It’s just different. I’ll be glad to get back into the stores, since I haven’t been in one since March.” **Pat Jackson**

“The virus has caused me to do more cooking, because we don’t eat out a lot. I’ve also cooked to help others. I’ve cleaned closets and dresser drawers, something that I had put on hold for a long time. I go to church about three times a week to check the mailbox for bills and pledge funds that have come in. This has enabled me to get out of the house just for a few moments. I miss the camaraderie of the members. I pray, Lord Jesus help us with everything that’s going on in this world”. **Judith Neal**



## November Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 – Candace Hundley-Kamate  
Icilma Lorde

2 – Robair Maldonado

3 – Christian Haines

4 – Wendy Morgan

7 – Kristen B. Ashby

8 – Shelly Hayes  
Angel Parker

9 – Rose B. Parker

12 – Kurtis A. Ottey

Robert E. Ransom

13 – Phyllis S. Mather

14 – Robert Ransom III

14 - Elconde S. Tucker

15 – Forrest C.R. Moore

16 - Richard Alexander

18 – Valeria Hundley

David Morgan, Jr.

19 – Jannea Dixon

25 – Gloria Lee Martin

27 – Joan Moore

29 – Norma S. Whitted

30 – William Miller III

### Anniversaries

11 – Calvin and Carolyn Hobson

19 – Howard and Wanda Childress

Lay Reader Duty Assignments for November and December	
November 22 <sup>nd</sup>	C. Watson and R. Parker
November 29 <sup>th</sup>	R. Ashby and A. Boyd
Note: With the exception of Rev. Shirley (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday), Miguel Incorminias and Ricky Watson will serve as the officiant on alternating Sundays.	
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	TBA and TBA
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	H. Monroe and TBA
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	M. Black and Shawn Moore
December 27 <sup>th</sup>	R. Parker and C. Watson



## **Remember Our Sick and Shut In**

If you know someone who is unable to get to church, for any reason, please let us know. We'd love to be able to visit with them and take them communion. If you know of someone who is sick, please do not assume we know. A quick phone call or email to the church secretary would be greatly appreciated. Judith Neal:

[judywneal71@gmail.com](mailto:judywneal71@gmail.com)

Currently on our **Sick and Shut In** list are DeVera Cooke (NN Nursing and Rehab. Ctr.), Harold Dabney, R. Patrice Gilliam, Demetrice Harrell (daughter of Bettye Collins), Shelly Hayes (home), Carolyn Hobson (home), Sandra Johnson (sister of Joan Moore), William and Vernon Miller (home), Don Smith (VAMC) Aurelia Overton (home), Beverly Pryor-Dunomes, Hope Walton, Doris Watson (home), David Whitley (home) and Charles Wilkins.

## **Heads of Parish Organizations**

**Altar Guild** – Valeria Hundley

**Daughters of the King** – Marcia Black

**ECW** – Rose Parker

**Men's Club** – George Whitted

**Progressive Women's Club** – Alberta Boyd

**Outreach**– Pam Hall

**Senior Choir** – Joyce Ponton

**Samaritans** – Roscoe Redcross

## **Our Trustees**



Trustees: George Whitted, Valerie Price and Roscoe Redcross



Current Vestry members, Clerk and Treasurer

## **Vestry terms end in January of the year listed by each name.**

**Senior Warden:** Rose Parker  
**Clerk:** Annette Monroe-Martin

**Junior Warden:** Sam Barnes  
**Treasurer:** Roscoe Redcross

Ronald Ashby – '23

Sam Barnes – '21

Glenda Geer – '22

Pat Jackson – '22

Shawn Moore – '21

David Morgan Sr. – '21

Rose Parker – '21

Thaddeus Savage – '22

Ricky Watson – '22

George Whitted – '23

## **The Vestry**

Requirements for vestry membership are spelled out in the Church bylaws. Judith Neal will provide you with a hard copy upon request.

The Vestry of St. Augustine's consists of nine church members elected by the congregation to serve in a leadership capacity in conjunction with the Rector. Each year, two to three members are elected for 3-year terms so that the Vestry has a factor of continuity. The group meets monthly, typically on the second Sunday of each month, to conduct the business of the church.

The Vestry has a Secretary/Register who is elected by the Vestry. This officer takes and publishes the minutes and fulfills other roles as needed. The Vestry also has a Treasurer who is elected by the Vestry. This officer is responsible for oversight of all financial matters of the parish and is supported by a Finance Committee.

## **News and Events in the Diocese of Southern Virginia**

\*Receive *Parish News and Events* from the Diocese of Southern Virginia by visiting [www.diosova.org](http://www.diosova.org)

\*Check us out on **FaceBook**. Look for our website profile picture as there is another St. Augustine's with a Face Book presence.

## **Lay Readers**

**Lay readers** are invited to consult [www.netministries.org/Bbasics](http://www.netministries.org/Bbasics) for correct biblical pronunciations.

**St. Augustine's Web Site**

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