

# THE MESSENGER

ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MORROW, GEORGIA

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No Services thru  
October

## Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. ZOOM Eucharist Rite I  
9:30 a.m. ZOOM Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. ZOOM Eucharist Rite II  
11:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour

## Wednesdays

5:00 p.m.

ZOOM Evening Prayer or  
Compline

## Office Hours

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
M-W-F

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## Parish Mission Statement

To restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ by providing a safe, loving and inclusive environment, celebrating community diversity, and sharing God's gifts with all people.

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October 2020

## *From the Desk of The Senior Warden*

Dear Friends,

News from the Diocese has not changed. They are suggesting that we continue having services which are broadcasts rather than in person. Your Vestry feels that the Zoom services are sufficient for now. We are looking into parking lot services, however we have not moved past the planning stages yet. We are also looking toward interior services, not for dates, but looking instead at cleaning services and equipment which will need to be purchased. I would imagine that little will change until a vaccine that works is available.

I hope many of you have been following us on Zoom. We have changed our schedule somewhat, changing our "Coffee Hour" from 5:00 pm on Sunday to 11:30 am just after the Rite 2 service. So our Zoom schedule is now:

Sunday	8:30 am till 9:30 am	Rite 1
	9:30 am till 10:30 am	Bible Study
	10:30 am till 11:30 am	Rite 2
	11:30 am till 12:30 pm	Coffee Hour
Wednesday	5:00 pm	Even Song or Compline

We would love to see you at any of these times.

Your Vestry has completed the 2019 audit. We will be submitting it to the Diocese shortly. This is an annual occurrence. Jo Ann Blackstock, Teresa Hale, and I were the auditors this year. For those of you who don't know, the Diocesan Canons allow an internal audit for two consecutive years with the third year requiring an external audit.

We are continuing to provide food through our food pantry. We do need help at this time with so many people out of work. We will be glad to accept canned food or money to purchase items. Just make out a check to St. Augustine's for Food Pantry. Thanks

Frank will be retiring from Gardening at the end of this year. If you know of a gardener who charges a reasonable price, please email me his name and phone number.

This is a special time of year for all of us. We are voting for our President, Senators, Congressmen/Congresswomen, and locally for a myriad of positions and Constitutional Amendments. Everything counts. Please vote. You can vote in person at many different times, it is also easy to vote absentee ballot. If you have any questions, contact your County Registrar. **October 5 is the last day to register to vote on November 3.**

We are also in the midst of the Census. The Census is taken only once every 10 years. It is extremely important. It is used for appropriations, determining our representative count in Congress, plus the number of electors we have for the Presidential Election. This number determines how much money the State of Georgia receives from our federal taxes. If you haven't filled out your Census form, please do so. You can also fill out your census form on line and by phone (by calling 844-330-2020). And remember, all personnel information is confidential. There is no citizenship question on the Census.

Blessings to all, Stay safe,  
*Phil*

## *A love letter from me to you.*

My dearest friends,

It's very quiet here. My halls echo with the sounds of silence. No one can visit me. No one can come to me with their worries, concerns, sorrows, joy or happiness. I am lonely and isolated just like you.

I miss the smell of coffee wafting through my halls and into the service making my mouth water- anticipating the sounds of your chatter and laughter soon to follow. I miss your beautiful voices raised in praise and try to picture your faces in my pews. I can see each and every one of you in your "appointed" seats. Grace is at the organ, the Choirs in front, Peggy in the last pew and Phil scurrying around tending to loose ends as usual. I even miss Fr. Chris' sermons! Most of all I miss breaking bread – sharing the holy food of God's people – with you. And I miss your passing of God's peace with each other and watching you go out into the world sharing His love.

I can't wait until I can open my beautiful new red doors and hear your footsteps upon my new carpet in the Narthex. I have been sprucing myself up awaiting your return. I miss you more than is imaginable, but rejoice knowing you have not deserted me. I know that I will be welcoming you back with open and loving arms. Although I sit here alone, I see each of your faces and am comforted knowing that you are out in this troubled world witnessing Christ's love. I feel proud. You are special to me and I long to enfold you within my sacred walls. You are the missing pieces in my puzzle. We complete each other. I anxiously await your return. You are the spirit and love within me and bring joy to my being. I cannot wait to throw open my doors and welcome you back! What a day of celebration we will have!

So, as I sit here alone, you are still with me. God resides in each of you, even in this time of separation. He has not forsaken you as you have not forsaken me. God is alive and well! Continue to pray and care for each other and be the living, loving family of Christ that you are and that I love so deeply. I miss each and every one of you so much!

You will soon sit in my pews again and I will feel your love as you offer praise and love and thanksgiving to our God! This is my solemn promise to you.

With much love,

***The little Church in Morrow with the new red doors!***

***Submitted by: Joann Blackstock***



# Events Calendar

# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 8:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II 11:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour				1	2	3
<b>4– 18th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>All on ZOOM</b> 8:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II 11:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour	5	6	7  5:00 p.m. ZOOM Evening Prayer	8	9	10  10:00 a.m. ZOOM Vestry Meeting
<b>11- 19th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>All on ZOOM</b> 8:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II 11:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour	12	13	14  5:00 p.m. ZOOM Evening Prayer	15	16	17
<b>18 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>All on ZOOM</b> 8:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II 11:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour	19	20	21  5:00 p.m. ZOOM Evening Prayer	22	23	24
<b>25– 21st Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>All on ZOOM</b> 8:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Forum 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II 11:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour	26	27	28  5:00 p.m. ZOOM Evening Prayer	29	30	31

## Keep In Your Prayers

### Parishioners

Thomas Abbott  
Deborah Barwise  
Joann Blackstock  
Dwight Briggs  
J.B. Burke  
Mikki Jackson  
Judy Erhardt-Sinor  
Evelyn Fowlkes  
Glenda Frederick  
Mandy Gray  
Dalila Hunter  
Susana Kyle  
Lidia Lower  
Ronica Malvea  
Kim McDonald  
Cindy Moody  
Jamie & Richard Rasche  
Claron Robinson  
Suzanne Ross & Judy Thompson  
Bill Sims  
Henry & Elsa Sisco  
Donna Smith  
Becky Weaver  
Maisie Williams  
Thelma Williams

### Those on Active Duty in the Military

Henry Olcoroafor  
Dylan Reynolds  
Paris Reynolds

### Those Beyond Our Parish

Julie Baima  
Ben Cash  
Jeffrey and Monica Caudle  
Rylee and Blayke Caudle  
Tim Condrey  
John Conti  
Judith Faith Crocker  
Rachel Daniel  
Dallas Ellis Iii  
Evelyn Fry  
Tim Gilbert & Family  
Brooklyn Gilbert  
David Harwood  
Jason Honea  
Paul Hull  
Alyssa Johnson  
Haylee Kane  
Chuck Kennedy  
Ken Kennedy  
Laurie Lopez

Jimmy Martin  
Luke and Heath Martin  
David McDonald  
Cathy McWilliams  
Brian Mesch  
Arline Mikolaitis  
Maureen & Joseph O'Brien  
Paula & Scott Payne  
Odette Pisanti  
Harriet Pope  
The Prock Family  
Christa Reynolds  
Carolyn Seals  
The Rev. Spencer Simrill and Family  
Bernice Sterling  
Mozelle Vample  
Belinda Watson  
Dorothy White  
Susan Windham

### Former Members and Parish Friends

The Rev. Terri Brice  
Catharine Groover  
Jessie Hardin  
Kathryn, Justin & Jason Jimmerson  
Graham & Sunshine Maddux  
Sidney and Ray Reynolds

### Happy Birthday

Oluchi Ifi	10/01
Misty Lopez	10/01
Ethan Barlay	10/02
Chibuzo Obi	10/04
Chi Chi Obi	10/19
Barry Griffin	10/22
Wayne Weaver	10/23
Leslie Hayles	10/24
Wes Williams	10/29

### Happy Anniversary

Susanne Ross & Judy Thompson  
10/10

### Special Prayer Request

You all know Mal Underwood who has guided us during our past three Stewardship Appeals. He's that good looking guy with the grey hair who preaches on New Consecration Sunday.

Mal has had some serious medical issues lately but thank God they are less than originally anticipated. He has

been diagnosed with a superficial tumor on his bladder and will be treated with medicines....no chemo or radiation.

So please keep Mal in your prayers for a complete and swift recovery.

*JoAnn Blackstock*

## Are You A Registered Georgia Voter?

If not, there's still time to get registered. In order to vote in the upcoming general election, November 3, you must be a registered voter. Whether you plan to vote in person or via absentee ballot you should be mindful of the following dates/deadlines.

**The deadline for mail-in is October 5. Mail in requests must be postmarked by October 5, and online registration must be done also, by October 5. You can register online here: <https://registertovote.sos.ga.gov/GAOLVR/beginRegistration.do>**

**The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot is October 30. Completed ballots should be postmarked by November 3, 7:00 p.m. You may also return in person on November 3, by 7:00 p.m.**

**Early voting is Oct. 12 thru Oct. 30.** However, dates and hours may vary based on where live

Source: [https://www.google.com/search?q=deadline+for+voter+registration+in+georgia&rlz=1C1CHZL\\_enUS750US751&oq=deadline+for+&aqs=chrome.6.69i57j0l7.8202j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=deadline+for+voter+registration+in+georgia&rlz=1C1CHZL_enUS750US751&oq=deadline+for+&aqs=chrome.6.69i57j0l7.8202j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8)

*Editor*



St. Augustine's has once again stepped up to the plate!

We are delivering goodie bags for all 20 nursing stations at Piedmont Henry hospital. These folks are real heroes and continue to work so hard saving lives not just during Covid but every day and I'm sure they appreciate being recognized.



Below is the response we received from the Community Specialist at Piedmont. Henry

*JoAnn Blackstock*

Good Afternoon Susana,

You guys are awesome! What a great way to support our staff at Piedmont Henry. Please give every at your church a virtual hug from us! The table is now right outside the Auxiliary offices on the top floor.

Thank you!

Pam Milling | Community Engagement Specialist | Piedmont Henry Hospital



## Halloween Pumpkins

If you have any pumpkins left over from Halloween, Noah's Ark Animal Refuge would love to have them for their larger animals. Apparently it's a treat they can eat! So, if you could drop them off at the church, I'll be sure they get delivered to Noah's Ark. If you can't get them to the church, give me a call and I'll try to pick them up.

Thanks.

JoAnn (516 642 6462).





## HEAVEN'S GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago  
One day, I saw a sign that read : "Heaven's Grocery Store"  
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide  
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.  
I saw a host of angels; they were standing everywhere  
One handed me a basket and said "My child, shop with care."  
Everything a Christian needed was in that Grocery store...  
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back for more.  
First I got some patience; love was in the same row  
Further down was understanding, you need that wherever you go.  
I got a box or two of wisdom, a bag or two of faith  
I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost for He was all over the place.  
I stopped to get some strength and courage,  
But I remembered I needed some grace.  
I didn't forget salvation, for salvation that was free  
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.  
Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill.  
For I thought I had everything to do my Master's will.  
I saw prayer on the next aisle  
And I just had to put that in.  
For I knew that when I stepped outside,  
I would run right into sin.  
Peace and joy were plentiful; they were on the last shelf.  
Songs and praises were hanging near.  
So I just helped myself.  
Then I said to the angel: "Now how much do I owe?"  
He smiled at me and said ---  
"My child Jesus paid your bill, a long time ago."

Author: Jerome T. Green

Source <https://betweenthebars.org/posts/20623/heavens-grocery-store>

# Presiding Bishop's 'Love Is the Way' book generates media buzz, from NPR to People to Brené Brown

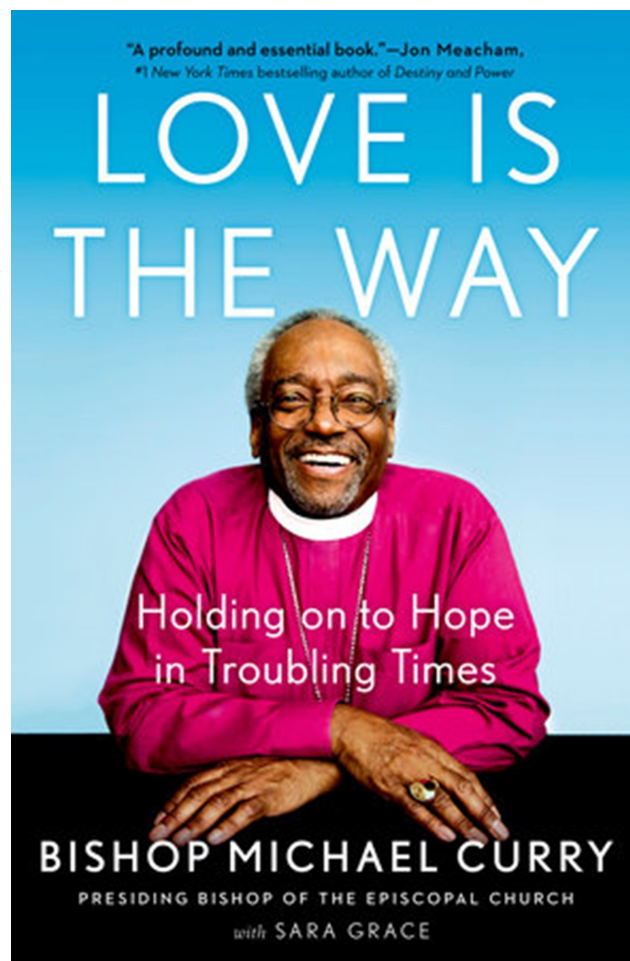
[Episcopal News Service] Presiding Bishop Michael Curry first achieved a bit of global celebrity in 2018 after his “Power of Love” sermon at the royal wedding. National and international media outlets clamored to interview him about the sermon, which had offered some of the most memorable and uplifting moments from those high-profile nuptials.

This year, Curry is again making the rounds of interviews, from NPR to People magazine, this time to support the release of his new book, “Love Is the Way.”

That wedding sermon remains a popular topic of interviewers, and as Curry told People, he has drawn inspiration from the conversations it generated.

“In two years, I’ve had more of those kinds of conversations about faith and life and love, than I had in 40 years,” he said in the People interview, published online last week.

NPR’s Lulu Garcia-Navarro caught up with Curry for an interview on “Weekend Edition” that aired on Sept. 20. On NBC, Curry appeared by video Sept. 22 to talk with “Today Show” host Hoda Kotb. And Curry spoke by phone with Episcopal News Service for a Q&A about the book, also on Sept. 22, the day the book was released.



Source: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2020/09/30/presiding-bishops-love-is-the-way-book-generates-media-buzz-from-npr-to-people-to-brene-brown/>

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Elaine Beal	Communications
JoAnn Blackstock	Finance & Stewardship
John Flaherty	Buildings
Teresa Hale	In Reach
Phil Kyle	Sr. Warden/Grounds
Jean Marie Simon	Christian Formation (Youth)

#### CLERGY

Rev. Chris Starr	Interim Priest
The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright	Bishop of Atlanta