

The Messenger

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, MORROW GEORGIA

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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:00 a.m.

Adult Forum

11:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II
Children's Sunday School

3rd Sundays

Youth Group

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.

January 2019

"Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." *Matthew 2:2 (NIV)*



"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." *Matthew 2:11*

Greetings From the Senior Warden

Blessings and Merry Christmas to All,

I hope in this most blessed of seasons, that everyone is doing well and that you are surrounded by loving friends and family.

We are finishing up this year well. I know that at this time last year, we didn't have an inkling that we would be in this situation. I know I didn't. I feel that we have done well, though. Our church is in order, and we have had enjoyable and interesting supply priests. I think we may be feeling a little better as well.

Just a couple of notes:

There will only be one Christmas Eve Service at 7:00pm

We will have a potluck, New Year's brunch on Sunday January 6.

I would like to see everyone bring a breakfast or lunch item. We will have a ham. Hopefully we will also get greens and black eyed peas.

Finally, just a thought; what if Christ had come to this world as a man rather than a child?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Stewardship Update

Thanks to those of you who've already made a financial commitment to St. Augustine's for 2019. We are truly grateful!

If you have not yet made a pledge, kindly do so as soon as possible. We need to finalize the budget for the coming year. If you have questions or concerns about the process, please contact JoAnn Blackstock, treasurer.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School		1 New Year's Day	2 Path to Shine	3 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4	5
6 - The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ 9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 9:45 a.m. Black-eyed Peas and Greens Pot Luck New Year's Brunch 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School	7	8	9 Path to Shine	10 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	11	12 8:45 a.m. Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meeting 10:00 a.m. Vestry Meeting
13 - The First Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School	14	15	16 Path to Shine	17 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	18	19
20 – Second Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23 Path to Shine	24 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	25	26
27 – Third Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite I 10:00 a.m. Adult Forum 11:00 a.m. Eucharist Rite II Children's Sunday School 12:15 p.m. Dream Group	28	29	30 Path to Shine	31 6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		

Local News

Meet one of the newest deacons in the diocese of Atlanta:



Deacon Devadas Lynton, a former member of St. Augustine's, was ordained to the diaconate on December 15, 2018. We are proud of him, and wish him God's continued grace and wisdom as he starts this new phase of his faith journey.



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Parishioners:

Napoleon Babb Jr.
Fred Barwise
Joann Blackstock
Dwight Briggs
J.B. Burke
Judy Erhardt-Sinor
Evelyn Fowlkes
Doug Francis
Glenda Frederick
Mandy Gray
Elaine Irwin
Lidia Lower
Ronica & Bonnie Malvea
Pat Mathis
Kim McDonald
Jamie & Richard Rasche
Claron Robinson
Suzanne Ross
Wilma Ross
Henry & Elsa Sisco
Donna Smith
Becky Weaver
Flo Webster
Alvin Williams
Maisie Williams
Thelma Williams

Those On Active Duty In The Military:

Andy Andersen
Justin Q. Johnson
Henry Olcoroafor
Dylan Reynolds
Paris Reynolds

Those Beyond Our Parish:

Vicki Abbott
The Rt. Rev. Frank Allan
Rick Bishop
Ed Boggan
Jeffrey and Monica Caudle
Rylee and Blayke Caudle
Tim Condrey
John Conti
Judith Faith Crocker
Lisa Crumbley
Rachel Daniel
Dallas Ellis Iii
Evelyn Fry

David Harwood
Deacon Liz Grant-Hilton
Jason Honea
Alyssa Johnson
Haylee Kane
Tish Lawless
Laurie Lopez
Jimmy Martin
Luke and Heath Martin
David McDonald
Cathy McWilliams
Brian Mesch
Bill Monk
Maureen & Joseph O'Brien
Christopher, Austin & Danny-Jo
Parker
Paula & Scott Payne
Odette Pisanti
The Prock Family
Bob Putman
David Putman
Jen Ray
Kristin Reynolds
Harriet Ronkin-Lynton
Irene Rogers
Jerry Scott
David & Scott Shepard
Monica Shepard
Charlene Smith
Dennis Smith
The Rev. John Stanton, Former Rector
James Steerman and Family
Harriet Thompson
Mozelle Vample
Belinda Watson
Betty White
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

Corrie West	01/02
Precious Miles	01/06
Jill Blackstock	01/10
Alton Miles	01/12
Flo Webster	01/14
Madeline Braswell	01/15
Alvin Williams	01/15
Catharine Groover	01/16
Ikenna Obi	01/16

Happy Anniversary

Doris & Ruben Uyeh 01/09

Just For Laughs!

A Priest, A Minister, A Rabbi And A Bear

A priest, a minister, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So each one goes into the woods, finds a bear, and attempts to convert it. Later, they all get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the catechism and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his first Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the minister, "and preached God's holy Word. The bear was so mesmerized that he let me baptize him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a gurney in a body cast. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

Source: <https://www.rd.com/joke/priest-minister-rabbi-bear/>

Ministers of Worship

January 2019

Please be at the church 20 minutes prior to the service and report to the Verger. If you are not available, please(1) find a replacement and (2) update the Church Office for bulletin changes. If you cannot find a replacement, contact the Verger of the Day:

Vergers: Chuck Dale chdale@mindspring.com (404 237-4668); Phil Kyle jp_kyle@bellsouth.net (770 898-4959)

DATE	TIME	SERVERS/LECTORS		ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	FLOWER GUILD
1ST SUNDAY	9 AM	Verger: Chuck Dale Psalm - Lee Cash Lesson 1 - Lee Cash Crucifer - Lee Cash	Server/Chalice -Lee Cash Lesson 2 - Donna Smith P.O.P. - Evelyn Fowlkes	Evelyn Fowlkes Donna Smith Elaine Beal Susana Kyle	Olivia & Jenna Johnson	Evelyn Fowlkes Donna Smith Elaine Beal
JAN 6	11 AM	Crucifer- Ezinne Ifi Torch- Oluchi Ifi Torch-Chinelo Ifi Lesson 1- Comfort Obi	Server/Chalice - Ginny Harrell Chalice - Wes Williams Lesson 2 - Corrie West P.O.P. - Becky Weaver		Corrie West	
2ND SUNDAY	9 AM	Verger: Philip Kyle Psalm- Matt Johnson Lesson 1- Jenna J Crucifer- Jenna J.	Server/Chalice- Matt Johnson Lesson 2- Judy Thompson P.O.P.- Susanne Ross	Teresa Hale Mary Job Vicki Owen	Olivia J.	Teresa Hale Mary Job Vickie Owen
JAN 13	11 AM	Crucifer- Jeff T. Torch – Doug Francis Torch – Jamie K. Lesson 1 – Kathy M	Server/Chalice- Veronica R Chalice - Kathy Maddux Lesson 2- Susana Kyle P.O.P.- Virginia Clark		Susana Kyle	
3RD SUNDAY	9 AM	Verger: Philip Kyle Psalm – Mary Job Lesson 1 – Mary Job Crucifer – Mary Job	Server/Chalice – Mary Job Lesson 2 – Lee Cash P.O.P. – Bill Simms	Ginny Harrel Veronica Riden- hour	Michele Thomas	Veronica R. Thelma W. Wesley W.
JAN 20	11 AM	Crucifer - Jamie K Torch – Jeff T. Torch- Doug Francis Lesson 1- Rubena Uyeh	Server/Chalice - Susana Kyle Chalice - Wesley Williams Lesson 2- Catherine Meeks P.O.P. - Robert Harrell		Ruben Uyeh	
4TH SUNDAY	9 AM	Verger: Philip Kyle Psalm- Matt Johnson Lesson 1- Olivia J. Crucifer- Jenna J.	Server/Chalice – Matt Johnson Lesson 2 – Mary Job P.O.P. – Evelyn Fowlkes	Yvonne Chevannes Precious Miles Jean Marie Simon		Yvonne C. Precious M Jean Marie S.
JAN 27	11 AM	Crucifer- Ezinne Ifi Torch- Oluchi Ifi Torch-Chinelo Ifi Lesson 1- Comfort Obi	Server/Chalice - Ginny Harrell Chalice – Veronica Ridenhour Lesson 2 – Elaine Beal P.O.P. – Corrie West		Clyde Weller	

Choir Director: Grace Caudle; Choir Members: Ginny Harrell, Robert Harrell, Laura Henderson, Doug Francis, Kathy Kimmell, Kathy Maddux, Veronica Ridenhour, Thelma Williams

News From the National Church

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Christmas message 2018

'Love came down at Christmas, because God so loved the world, that he gave, even to the point of risking his own son'

[Episcopal Church Office of Public Affairs] "Love came down at Christmas, because God so loved the world, that he gave," Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop and Primate Michael Curry said in his Christmas Message 2018.

In the Third Chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus says at one point, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that all who believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

For years, I've often thought that that passage only referred to Jesus giving his life as a sacrifice on the cross. And to be sure, that is part of what it means. But some years ago I was reading a commentary by Raymond Brown, on the Gospel of John, and Professor Brown said that that passage not only speaks of Jesus willingly giving his life on the cross, but it actually speaks of Christmas, of God giving his very self, his very son to the world, not for anything God could get out of it, but for the good and the welfare and the well-being of the world. Of us.

Someone once said, in a Christmas poem, "Love came down at Christmas." That's what love is. To give, and not to count the cost. To give, not for what one can get, but for what the other can receive. That's what love is. God so loved the world, that he gave.

I realized recently how powerful that passage really is, when I saw an old poster from 1938. A poster produced by the Episcopal Church at that time, to encourage Episcopalians and other Christians, and other people of faith and good will, to do whatever they could to help Jewish refugees fleeing tyranny in Europe. To help people from all over Europe seeking refuge in America, this land of freedom. The poster depicts Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus. They're fleeing persecution in Palestine, as Matthew's Gospel says. And the

poster depicting Mary, Joseph, and Jesus says in the tag line, "In the name of these refugees, help all refugees."

God so loved the world, that he gave, even to the point of risking his own son. And in the name of those refugees, in the name of that Jesus, help all refugees, all people who suffer, anyone who's alone, everyone who is in need. That's what love does.

Love came down at Christmas, because God so loved the world, that he gave.

In those days, a decree went out from the Emperor Augustus, that all the world should be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem because he was a descendent from the House of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged, and who was expecting a child. While they were there, she gave birth to her first-born son, and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Meanwhile, in that region, there were shepherds, living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then the angel of the Lord stood above them. And the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were terrified. The angel said unto them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people. To you is born this day, in the City of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign. You will find the child wrapped in bands of cloth, lying in a manger."

And suddenly, there was with the angels a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth."

Have a blessed Christmas. Have a merry Christmas. Have a joyful Christmas.

God love you, God bless you, and may God hold us all in those almighty hands of love.

**The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church**

Source: <https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2018/12/18/presiding-bishop-michael-curry-christmas-message-2018/>

If you would like to view the video of the bishop's message, from Bryant Park, NY, go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/video/2018-christmas-message-presiding-bishop-michael-curry>

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