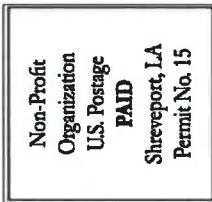


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**Pursuant to the by-laws of St. Mark's Cathedral** the Nominating Committee has nominated the following persons to be elected at the Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022 to serve four year terms on the Vestry of St. Mark's Cathedral:

- Karen Hardtner**
- Chad Hill**
- Claire Rebouche**
- Jason Waltman**
- Warren West**

The following members are rotating off the Vestry this year and will be honored for their service:

- Marilyn Kirkland**
- Cody Mayo**
- William Weaver**
- Bud Westmoreland**

## Happy Birthday

<b>January 2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
Michele Hardtner	Melanie Thomas Andrea Giacalone	Marti Westmoreland Shirleen McKay
<b>3</b>	Mary O'Brien	Julia Ameen
Helen Herzog	Sean Stott	
Anne Mitchell	Mae Smitherman	<b>7</b>
John Godwin	Nickolas Gore	Eron Brainard
John Paul Grigsby		Caroline Turnage
Claude Lockhart	<b>5</b>	
Faye Aaron	Curt McClure	<b>8</b>
	Charlotte Walter	Bevelyn Shotts
	Sunni Burgess	Robert Johnson
	Jennifer Jones	Alice Jones
	Erin Dicharry	

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## Community

**The church office will close at noon on New Year's Eve and reopen on Monday, January 3, 2022.** There will be NO 5:30 pm Eucharist on New Year's Eve.

**There will be no Children's Sunday school on Sunday, January 2.** We will resume on January 9.

**If you want to mail your 2021 pledges or any other contributions by the end of the year, they must be postmarked by December 31.** If you wish to hand deliver them to the church office, they must be in by **December 31** when the office closes for the holiday.

**We wish you Happy New Year!** EYC will resume after the holiday break. Be on the lookout for an updated calendar of our schedule and exciting events planned for 2022!

**The Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 5** at 10:30 am, meeting in room 101 of the Ministry Center. Please contact Mother Beth if you have questions via email to [beth@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:beth@stmarkscathedral.net).

**Mark your calendars for the St. Mark's Cathedral Annual Meeting January 30, 2022.** We meet immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Parish Hall. Annual reports will be given, Vestry elections will be held and lunch will be served.

**The Friends of Faith group is meeting again!** All ladies are welcome to join us every third Wednesday of the month. We meet from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Parlor. This year, we are reading *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi* by Amy-Jill Levine. Even if you don't get a chance to read, come join us for fellowship, discussion, and prayer. If you have questions, e-mail Jorie O'Brien (jorieobrien@gmail.com) or Lauren Thibodeaux (thiblauren@gmail.com).

**Beginning Thursday, January 13 Dean Johnson and Ellen Erwin will be facilitating a parents book-club/discussion group** focused upon the work of Wendy Mogel PhD., and her book *The Blessing of a Skinned Knee: Raising Self-Reliant Children*. The work and journey of Wendy Mogel has been both helpful and inspirational for many through the years. She is both a child psychologist and a spiritual seeker. Her advice, and the sharing of her spiritual journey, are both accessible and inspirational. If you would like to join this group – buy the book, and either begin reading or listening to it now. We will cover one chapter per week; and our focus will be upon discussion, questions, mutual support, and we will close with prayer. Dean Johnson will assume that you have read the chapter before we gather. Depending upon the size of the group, we will either meet in the Cathedral Parlor, or The Garden Room, following Family Chapel on Thursdays.

**RSVP your interest: ellen.erwin1@gmail.com**

**Have you heard about our "Pew Project?"** St. Mark's is in the process of refurbishing all of the pews in the church, including the kneelers and the book racks. And you can be a part of it. Parishioners can "sponsor" a pew to have redone. Your gift will be acknowledged with a brass plaque on the pew. **If you are interested, or for more information, contact John Scheel at 226-4023.**

**There is an opening for memorial flowers on the High Altar for Sunday, January 16.** If you are interested in donating flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Sherri Skrivanos at [stskrivanos@gmail.com](mailto:stskrivanos@gmail.com)

**If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mommies to be.** Please contact us at [bess@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:bess@stmarkscathedral.net) or sign up on our website under family ministries. We hope to welcome mothers into our community. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

## Sunday Readings

The Second Sunday after Christmas  
Jeremiah 31:7-14 \* Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a  
Matthew 2:1-12

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

In this season of giving, we should take time to re-appraise what we have offered God this year. Does the amount I am giving truly represent what I think of Almighty God? Does it represent my love, my gratitude, my repentance, my acts of self-denial, my crosses and joys? Does it represent an acceptable share of my material goods? Am I pleased with what I am giving? Is God pleased? Can I say I have sincerely given to the best of my ability?

## Additional Resources

**Dean Alston Johnson's Blog:**

<https://thecarpentersnail.blog/>

**St. Mark's Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marks-Cathedral-Shreveport-181096028587074/>

**Bishop Jake Owensby's Blog:**

<https://jakeowensby.com/blog/>

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