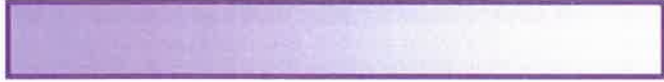


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Deaths

Brenda Smith Payne, mother of **Kevin Payne**, grandmother of **Thatcher Payne**, **Sadie Aaron** and **Chandler Aaron**, on January 5, 2022.

Beverly Powers, on January 7, 2021.

Happy Birthday

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| January 16 Kip Porter Stella Porter Alexander Schoonover | 18 Twylla Seamon Abbie McCord | 20 Dan Herndon Fran Hewitt |
| 17 Karen Kennedy Carl Pendley Catherine Humphrey | 19 Mary Jo Kayser Holli Hennessy Michael Ameen Layne LeBleu | 21 Carol Anne Caraway Mario Villafuerte Don Huguley Thomas Nsubuga Jackie Fontana Brittany Owens Gaffney Nelson |

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THE MESSENGER

Community

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

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.

EYC has resumed!!! Join us this Sunday for food, fellowship, and fun! Grades 6-12 are welcome! Meet in the Parish Hall 5:30-7:15! We also need volunteers to help provide dinner for EYC this semester. Please email Sarah at smceyc318@gmail.com to sign up for a Sunday!

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

February Collection: Woody's Veteran Home, founded in 2003, is a local charity that operates two homes for veterans suffering from mental health issues. They are accredited with the local VA hospital. Items that are in daily need include: paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, and plastic utensils. **To donate monetarily contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net. Also visit their website to learn more: www.wh4v.com.**

The Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am January 5-May 25. We meet in room 101 of the Ministry Center for coffee and conversation around the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings. Please contact Mother Beth if you are interested or if you have questions (beth@stmarkscathedral.net).

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. 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).

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. 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**

If you are or know anyone who is expecting a child our committee is up and running and is looking for mummies to be. Please contact us at 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 the Epiphany
Isaiah 62:1-5 * 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

The dignity of tithing is that it is voluntary. Tithing is an act of acknowledgment that God is alive; an act of faith. Our primary task is to love God above all things. The sacrifice of material wealth for God's sake is a means of deepening the love. Love must be proven with deeds. Tithing is a practical way to accomplish these noble and virtuous objectives. It is more impactful as a means of spiritual progress because it is voluntary.

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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