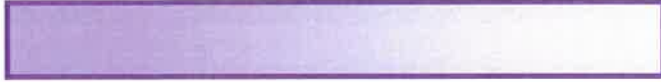


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## Deaths

**Andrew Fenton**, grandson of **Carol & Bill Reyenga**, on December 29, 2021.

**Martine Lattier**, wife of **Phil Lattier**, mother of **Corbin Lattier**, on January 1, 2022.

## Happy Birthday

<b>January 9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>
Jack Carlisle	Alden Woods	John David Stewart
Beth Cantrell		Andy Hodges
Holly Marshall	<b>12</b>	Tim Brown
Brady Howard	Sherry Martin	Derek Holtsclaw
Madeline Crawford	Reilly Weber	Derrick Meador
	Gus Lea	Lillian Comegys
	Mobley Carnie	Sloan Hall
<b>10</b>	Camille Lofton	Gardner McInnis
Yulonda Mayo		Maisey McInnis
Mary Katherine Clark	<b>13</b>	
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## Community

**Please join us this Thursday evening at 6:00 pm for the burning of the Christmas greens!** We will gather in the Chapel for the Epiphany Eucharist and then go out to the courtyard for the fire.  
**EYC is invited to assist in the burning of the greens!**  
**Please meet in the courtyard at 5:15 to help prepare.**

**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 returns this Sunday for food, fellowship, and fun!** Grades 6-12 are welcome! Join us 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!

**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. 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).

**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 mommies 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 First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of Our Lord  
Isaiah 43:1-7 \* Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

## Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Service to the kingdom of God must be rendered by those who offer their talents, but never get their names into the papers, are never publicly commended, and are never elected as a delegate. Yet, in the eternal records of God the name is inscribed, and after it the notation, clearly written: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

## 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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