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# CONVOCATIONAL WOMEN'S BUNCO NIGHT

**\$20 PER PERSON  
RESERVATIONS REQUIRED  
40 SEATS AVAILABLE**

Friday, April 19th, 2024 • 6:30 PM  
St. James Episcopal Church  
2050 Bert Kouns, Shreveport, LA 71106

**RSVP TO DEBBIE FITZPATRICK 318-780-8088**



## Happy Birthday

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| <b>April 21</b><br>Rodney Varnadore<br>Porter Caraway  | <b>24</b><br>Ginger Colquitt<br>Martha Nader<br>Clarence Babineaux<br>Glenn Adams<br>Lee Ann Smith<br>Alex Monsour<br>Reid Baldrige<br>Kayla Marsalis | <b>26</b><br>Anderson Davis<br>Caroline Brooks<br>Giovanni Giacalone<br>Katherine Nelson<br>Andy Storer |
| <b>22</b><br>Emily Roemer<br>Kelly Hargrove  |   | <b>27</b><br>Davis Smelley  |
| <b>23</b><br>Jimmy Scruggs<br>Ron Shotts<br>Patrick Harrison<br>Matthew Brooks<br>Ann Conrad-Falter<br>Frances Renda<br>Stacey Jones | <b>25</b><br>Travis Simmons<br>Kerie Kay Palmer<br>Peyton Johnson<br>Chris Watt<br>Mary Helen Skeadas<br>Thomas Risher                                |   |

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# THE MESSENGER

## Community

**If you're making your summer plans, make sure you save these dates!** Our annual St. Mark's Music Camp, for grades 2-12, is **June 10-14**, 8:45 am til 1:00 pm. This year's production is *100 Percent Chance of Rain* by Walter S. Horsley. Campers will perform at the 10:30 am service on **June 16**. Vacation Bible School is set for **July 15-19**. This year's theme is *Celebrate the Savior*. Register on the church website.

**Youth Sunday/ Senior Recognition will be Sunday May 12.** If you have a high school senior please let us know. Contact Amy in the church office [amy@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:amy@stmarkscathedral.net)

**NO BIRTHDAY, EVER.** Yes, I learned this is the reality for many children in our area. For the Community Renewal Friendship House in Allendale this is a fact of life. Please help alleviate this situation! There is a need for small birthday celebrations for May, June and July. They can be as simple or fancy as you like. If interested please contact Jennifer Beruvides, [beruvidesr@bellsouth.net](mailto:beruvidesr@bellsouth.net). Donations are welcome also.

**Want to get the latest info and reminders about children's programming at the cathedral?** Join our Remind group to receive updates! Send a text to 81010. Text this message @smckidsmin

**We Serve Camp is July 29-Aug 2, 2024**

We Serve is a weeklong day camp where students will be given to opportunity to serve our neighbors both within our parish and our community. We will work on service projects in the mornings and do fun activities in the afternoons. Camp is open to rising 4th graders and up. High School and middle school students will have the opportunity to earn service hours for their work during the week. Some of the places we will be serving will include the cooking crew, The Hub, Common Ground and more. All students will receive a We Serve t-shirt. Go to [www.stmarkscathedral.net](http://www.stmarkscathedral.net) to register.

**New Columbarium renderings are available for viewing in the Narthex of the Cathedral.**

This project is underway and includes 384 additional columbarium niches beautifully nestled in our courtyard behind the flagpoles. Please contact Cynthia Anderson at the Cathedral ([Cynthia@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:Cynthia@stmarkscathedral.net)) if you are interested in purchasing niches for you and your family. Each niche is priced at \$1,500.

**Time to sign up for summer camp at Camp**

**Hardtner!** Visit [www.camphardtner.org](http://www.camphardtner.org) for more information.

**We are working to update our email lists.** If you are not receiving emails from the church (events, newsletters, etc.) please let Amy know in the church office. **Email her at [amy@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:amy@stmarkscathedral.net)**

**Could you or someone you know benefit from a Stephen Minister?**

**Several who have received compassionate care from one of our Stephen Ministers have agreed to share their experience and gratitude. - One of our Care Receivers writes:**

It was really great to have someone with whom I could share my thoughts, frustrations, cares, and good or bad times, especially knowing that whatever I shared, it would not go beyond the confines of our room. It was also helpful to know that if I did ask for my Stephen Minister's viewpoint or opinion, it would be shared in a non-critical manner. I always looked forward to our visits and always had a more serene outlook on life afterwards. It may be harder for us men to ask for any kind of help, especially when it comes to dealing with feelings; we tend to keep it all inside! However my experience was extremely positive, and if I'm in a difficult place again I will definitely reach out! I would recommend this wonderful resource of our church to anyone, as having someone with whom to share whatever is on your mind is such a gift.

**For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact the Rev. Thomas Nsubuga.**

*Sunday Readings*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 4:5-12 \* 1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

*Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team*

Stewardship plays an important role in the lives of people who seek to follow Christ. In particular, Christians must be stewards of their personal vocations, for it is these which show how, according to the circumstances of their individual lives, God wants them to cherish and serve a broad range of interests and concerns: life and health, along with their own intellectual and spiritual well-being and that of others; material goods and resources; the natural environment; the cultural heritage of humankind — indeed, the whole rich panoply of human goods, both those already realized and those whose realization depends upon the present generation or upon generations yet to come.

*Upcoming Events*

- May 3 SMCS Field Day
- May 18 Confirmation Retreat
- May 19 Confirmation  
10:30 am