



ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PICAYUNE, MS

"WHOEVER YOU ARE, WHEREVER YOU ARE ON YOUR JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME AT THIS TABLE"

E-Newsletter 10/17/2025

Blessings to you all in this eighteenth week of Pentecost! October throws fall into full swing, taking activities with it. Read on for more!

Welcoming The Rt. Rev. Dorothy Sanders-Wells



Join us on **October 26th** for a service with Bishop Wells! She will be confirming eight members of our congregation: Lillian, Amanda, Barry, Katherine, Annalise, Charlotte, Macey, and William. We look forward to seeing you there as we come together to celebrate the confirmation of these amazing individuals surrounded by their friends and family. It's a day of faith, joy, and community—don't miss it!

This Week at St. Paul's:

Sunday, October 19th - 9:15am - Confirmation/Enquirers Class

9:30am - Choir Practice

10:30am - Holy Eucharist

11:30am - Coffee Hour/Vestry



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Remembering Kevin Murphy

We are saddened to announce that St. Paul's parishioner, Kevin Murphy, passed away last week. Kevin served as an usher for many years and was a friend to all.

The Burial Office will be read on Saturday, October 18th, at 1:00 pm. Please keep Kevin's family in your prayers.

May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Care Packages

Two of the young ladies from our church, Lillian & Katey, have left for boarding school and college respectively. If you would like to send them mail, please place it in the blue box in the parish hall and label it with only their name, in order to preserve their privacy. The mail will then be addressed and sent as soon as possible.





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October B-Day Blessings

We would like to wish a happy birthday to all those born in October!



Military Care Kits

Help spread holiday cheer to personnel serving abroad by donating to our gift boxes! Our goal is to fill 30 boxes by October 19th with small, thoughtful items to brighten their days. Last Sunday, we wrote heartfelt notes and drew cards to add a personal touch.

Requested Items:

- **Toiletries (Travel Size Only):**

Mouthwash, shampoo, soap, deodorant, hand sanitizer, lotion, sunscreen, chapstick, dental kits, feminine hygiene items

- **Non-Perishable Foods:** Hard candy, instant coffee, jerky, nuts, granola bars (no chocolate), chips, hot sauce packets
- **Incidentals:** AA/D batteries, paperback books, playing cards, puzzles, socks, head beanies, pens, notepads

Your contributions will help brighten the holidays for those who serve far from home!



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Confirmation/Enquirers Class

This class is open for anyone seeking to learn more about the Church, and for those seeking confirmation. Confirmation is the laying of hands by our Bishop and prayer for the Spirit of God to enter that person. It is also the way to join this branch of the Church if one was baptized elsewhere. Further, confirmation serves as a right of passage into adult Church membership for those baptized as infants.

The class is free-wheeling with rich discussion of life and religion. It is designed for those who are new to the church or seeking to learn more about being a Christian.

Holy Communion

Holy Communion, the sacrament of Our Lord's Body and Blood, is offered to all baptized Christians. While denominations may shape how we govern ourselves, they do not define who we are in Christ. In addition, gluten-free hosts are available for those who prefer them—simply inform Fr. Nick or an usher if you require one.



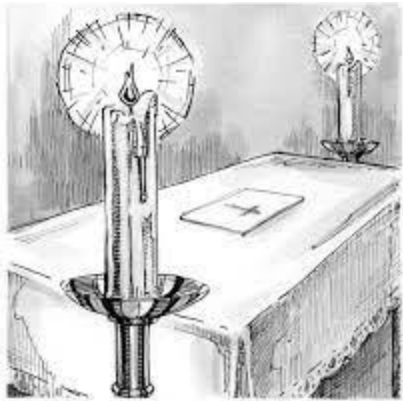


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Lay Ministry

At St. Paul's, our Lay Ministry is a vital part of our worship life. Lay Ministry includes readers, ushers, acolytes, singers, and altar guild in service to God and our congregation. If you feel called to serve in one of these roles, please speak with Jason, who will gladly guide you toward the ministry that best suits your gifts. Your participation is a meaningful way to share your talents and deepen your connection to our parish community.

More News!

If you would like to receive news on the diocesan level, scan the QR code to the left! There, you can sign up for both The Mississippi Episcopalian, which focuses on stories of churches and the bishop throughout the diocese, and TME-News, which focuses on events occurring throughout the diocese.

For inspiration. For information.



Scan here to sign up!





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Scouts BSA Troop 5/Venture Crew 5



Troop 5 would like to extend a huge thank you to those who have donated to the blessing box in the past week! Currently, the box is in need of shelf-stable meats, simple breakfast foods like oatmeal, and underwear. For more ideas, visit our [Amazon Wishlist](#) to donate!

Please drop donations directly into the box, contact a troop member for donation pickup, or swing by the church on Mondays 6:30pm to 8:00pm or Sundays 9am to noon for donation drop-off.

Our scouts are going camping at Fontainebleau State Park this weekend! Stay tuned for pictures.



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Picayune Carver Culture Center

**AFTERSCHOOL
TUTORING**

- 1ST-12TH GRADES
- SUBJECT EXPERTS
- SNACKS PROVIDED
- PLAYTIME AND ACTIVITIES

COST \$0 (FREE)

Mon-Thurs
4pm-6pm Weekly
Starting
Sept. 1, 2025

1421 Goodyear Blvd., Picayune, MS 39466
youthempowerment1970@gmail.com
(601) 590-8983

Enrollment in our free afterschool tutoring is officially open! The program is available for children in 1st grade all the way to 12th.

The program occurs Mon-Thurs, 4-6 pm, and begins on September 1st!

For more information or to apply, call us at 601-590-8983.



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SENIOR CHAIR EXERCISE

Located at the Ed. Building
on Tuesdays and Fridays,
10-11 am. Open to all, no
prior signup required. We
look forward to seeing you!



Picayune Carver Culture Center
Is Buzzing with Excitement!
Join us for a Beary Sweet Community Baby Shower

Free to New, Experienced & Expecting Moms and their families
Games, Door Prizes, Refreshments, Vendors, Guest Speakers, & Demo

October 25, 2025 (12 Noon-3PM)
780 S. Beech, Picayune, Ms
(601) 590-8983

For Vendor Space Contact: Vinner Scott
PCCC@picayunecraverculturecenter.org

HEAR THE BUZZ! Picayune Carver Culture Center is hosting a Beary Sweet Community Baby Shower on October 25, 2025 @ Mary Helen Richardson Center in Picayune, MS 39466. This event is free to new, experienced, & expecting mothers and their families. We are in need of community sponsors and vendors. To book a vendor space, contact

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