ST. SIMON OF CYRENE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

810 Matthews Drive
Lincoln Hts. OH 45215

GRAPEVINE

JULY - SEPTEMBER – 2017

Reflections from Fr. Bill – Priest-in-Charge

As of this writing I have been serving at St. Simon's for four months. To begin with, I want to thank everyone for the warm welcome you have provided. You made me feel right at home from the beginning and being at worship with you each Sunday is a joy.

As most of you know, I have been appointed by the Bishop as Priest-in-Charge for one year, meaning I'll be with you until mid-February, 2018. I arrived following what I know has been a difficult stretch for St. Simon's, one that resulted in a number of members leaving and leaving the rest with some questions about what the future holds. My primary responsibility, apart from leading worship on Sunday and providing basic administration and pastoral care, is to work with the parish leadership to address these difficult questions. Key to that process is the work of the Recasting team. Under the able leadership of Denise Pitts and Laverne Mitchell, a group of folks are working to discern a variety of pathways forward for St. Simon's. Later this summer, you will be brought up to date about their work, and will have an opportunity, at a specially called parish meeting, to respond to their work and offer comments and suggestions. This feedback will provide the Recasting Team and the Vestry important guidance as they seek to further discern God's Will.

I do not know the particulars of what will arise out of this. But it is increasingly clear to me that the Mission of St. Simon's needs to find its fulfillment in a deep and abiding engagement with the Lincoln Heights community. How can St. Simon's be the Body of Christ in this community? What will its witness be? Answering these questions will be crucial in determining the future of St. Simon's. Each of you has a part to play, and you can start by keeping the Recasting Team and the Vestry in your prayers. Beyond that, be prepared to engage in this process, fully and actively supporting those who are providing leadership.
God's Blessings on you all.

Fr. Bill Scrivener+

From The Desk of the Senior Warden Rosie Holloway

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is my pleasure and honor to serve as your Senior Warden. I am looking forward to a cooperative and congenial working relationship with each of you.

As we look to the future of St. Simon, we ask you the congregation to keep us, the Vestry, in your prayers and be patience and supportive as we go through this process together in making decisions. Sometime decisions we make can take us out of God's will, but never out of His reach. So, we must continue to ask God to guide us and lead us, and I know he will not fail us. As the saying goes, "God plus one is always a majority"!

St. Simon is going through difficult times, if we are going to stay **viable** in this community we must work together and do whatever is needed for us to continue to be a **strong** pillar in the community of Lincoln Heights, Ohio, and the Diocese of Southern Ohio.

We are having an Indoor Gospel Jazz Concert on Sunday, July 9, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm with a reception and our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, July 16, 2017, Service at 9:00 am and the picnic starts at 10:45 am on the Lawn. Please invite your family and friends to come out and join us for these events. We will have food, games and activities for everyone to enjoy and have a great time. Finally, we must continue to believe and have Faith, that whatever we need, God will provide. If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31
God Bless,

Rosie Holloway

2017
Easter Lilies Donors

DONOR	INTENT
Ralph Edwards	In Thanksgiving for My Family
Evelyn Perkins	Thanks to the Lord for His Many Blessings
Dorothy Williams	In Memory of my Parents
Brenda Love	Thanksgiving
Deborah & James Allsop	Praise Our God for His Son
Eric Elliott	Thanksgiving
Mary McGriff	Thanksgiving for blessings of family
Henrietta Smith	The Loving Memory of my sons Ollie and Raymond
Joe & Beatrice Dorris	Thanksgiving of Friends & Family
Andrea Byrd	Thanksgiving of Family
Rosie Holloway	In memory of Willis Holloway, Sr. David Holloway, and Wilson Holloway

Proverbs 19:17. The one who is gracious to the poor lends to the Lord, and the Lord will repay him for his good deed.

A thousand meals a year!! Since 2009 St. Simon of Cyrene in partnership with Ascension and Holy Trinity have sponsored the Community Supper. The supper is held the second Tuesday of each month, eleven months a year. We typically, provide 100 + meals for the children and teenagers who attend St. Monica's Recreation Center. We also provide meals for the seniors who reside at Friendship Plaza and for community members who have heard about the supper.

The meals that are provided are tasty, well balanced and filling. One of the most up lifting aspects of this outreach effort is getting to know the children and watching them grow and develop over the years. In fact, some of the young people who partake of this meal were tutored by members of our church several years ago. And by the way, they remember that experience and are grateful for our efforts.

The fellowship with our fellow Episcopalians from Ascension and Holy Trinity is very gratifying. Friendships and bonds have develop that otherwise might have never occurred.

In some ways my only regret is that we aren't in a position to do more. One can really see that some of these young people are truly food insecure.

Over the years many people have lent their efforts to this project. Of course, there is a risk of putting together a list like this because it is hard to have a complete list. I apologize in advance for anyone's name that has been omitted.

On the St. Simon side Ivan Reynolds, Mervin Stenson, Darlene Gray, Vivian Ramey, Anita Parks, Ernestine Bryant, Megan Morgan, Katelynn Clark, Katherine McMillan and Kamara McMillan have pitched in. The stalwarts this year have been Rudena Williams, Theorphlis Borden and the indefatigable Rosie Holloway.

On the Ascension and Holy Trinity side Sheryl Felner and Darlene Gray started the program. After Sheryl moved out of town The D'Amico's, Ralph and Dee took over the food preparation, the recruitment of volunteers from A&HT as well as other logistical issues.

John and Jeanie Zoller have been deeply involved as well as Debbie Rumke. Also, Noel and Angela Horne have contributed with time and treasure. The Rector of A&HT, Eric Miller and his sons has also pitched in. Kathy Kessler, Mary Beyer, and Bev Cody have also supported the program by preparing and servicing food. Also, Mike Pearl and staff at St. Monica's have help us by providing the children and making sure things run smoothly.

Finally, we are always in need of volunteers. I hope you can join us on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by: James Allsop

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY, Joe Dorris, Team Leader

Community Garden – The Garden is growing after a few set-backs; had to replant seeds several times due to the rain, possibly bad seeds, and unwanted pests eating plants. We are still trying to trap the varmint.

We welcome our new team member, Katelynn Clark. Katelynn harvested our first yellow squash, still waiting to hear how she prepared it.

We've harvested; lettuce, zucchini, kale, yellow squash and a few peppers. The birds harvested the blueberries.

Lots of work yet to be done throughout the summer and volunteers are welcome.
Kudos to the donors for your donations! Remember ORGANIC IS BETTER!

Parish Health Ministry hopes you will continue to eat healthy.

Submitted by: Joe Dorris
Team Leader

CELEBRATING WITH THE SAINTS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Brenda B. Love
James Bloodworth
Khayla Bunch
Jacob Allsop
Edward Beatty
Austin Elliott
Carolyn Gentry
Vanessa Gentry
Shirley Miller
Frank Morgan

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Clark & Toni Cowan
Kristopher & Ronique Smith

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Jamil Barron
Jahmir Mitchell
Brianna Williams
William Counts
Tiffany Smith
Beverly Head
Patricia Anthony

SETPEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Albert Gentry
Deborah Allsop
Martina Stewart
Uyvonne Ritter
Pamela Smith
Pearl Jordan
LaVerne Mitchell
Toni Cowan
Saliyah Mitchell
Rudena Williams
Jaylan Harrington
Katelynn Clark
Bendetta Arrick

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Joe & Beatrice Dorris
Frank & Shiela Morgan
Quentin & Janice Rowell

ARTICLES OF INTEREST

Pages 816 and 817 of our Book of Common Prayer have prayers for the Church. Two of them seem appropriate for St. Simon at this time, and I have combined words from each to sincerely request the Lord's help: "Almighty and everliving God, hear our prayer for this parish family. Where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it, where it is divided, reunite it and bring us to all be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

A young lady at college could not seem to control her spending, so she wrote to her aunt ask for help:

“Dearest Auntie, I am so ashamed of myself, but I have to ask you for a few dollars. It is impossible for me to explain how bad I feel. I do not know how to express myself. I am so depressed and hope you will take pity on me. I wish I was dead. I am sending this by messenger, who will wait for an answer.

P.S. Overcome with shame for what I have written, I have been running after the messenger so I could take the letter from him, but I cannot catch him. I hope that something happens to stop him, or that this letter gets lost."

Auntie was touched to hear from her niece, but was no dummy. She replied: "Oh, sweetheart, don't stress yourself. Your prayers have been answered. The messenger lost your letter."

Submitted by: Evelyn Perkins

ARTICLES **OF** INTEREST

DREAMS

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

Hold fast to dreams
For when dreams go
Life is a barren field
Frozen with Snow.

HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay 'them.'

2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.

3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop.'

4. Enjoy the simple things.

5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves (and GOD). Be ALIVE while you are alive.

7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.

8. Cherish your health: If it is good preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.

9. Don’t take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where guilt is.

10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

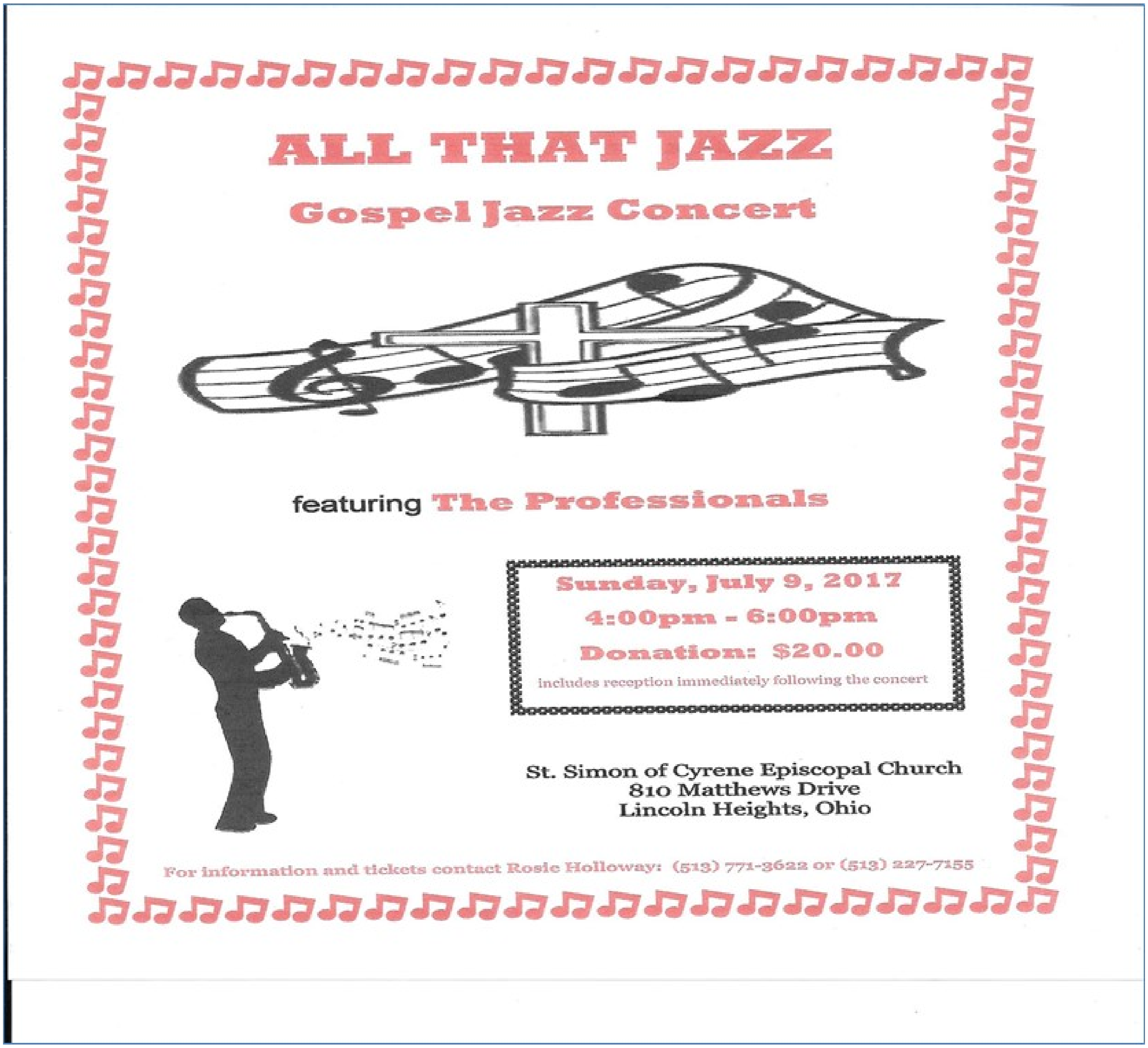
AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

Life is not measured by the number of breath we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

4TH QUARTER GRAPEVINE DEADLINE – The next issue of the Grapevine is September 17, 2017. Article should be submitted to Dorothy Williams at dwilli4425@aol.com or stsimonsoffice@fuse.net.

PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

In September, I will begin honoring birthdays by sending out Birthday cards to St. Simon members. If your month and day of birth is not on the birthday list printed in our church bulletin, please call me at 772-7379. Thank you, Evelyn Perkins.



PARISH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENT CONT'D

MEN & WOMEN'S DAY ADS

St. Simon's Church is having a joint Men and Women's Day Celebration Program on Sunday, October 15, 2017. Our Theme this year is "Stronger Together" - Scripture: Isaiah 40:31. For those who hope in the Lord will renew their Strength. They will soar like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Our speaker will be Dr. Ray Terrell.

We are requesting that you place an ad in our program booklet. Proceeds from this effort will be used to continue the expansion of Christian ministries at St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church.

The costs of the ads/memorials are:

Full Page	$100.00
Half (1/2) Page	$50.00
Fourth (1/4) or Business Card	$25.00

Your ad, business card, memorial or blessing can be attached to or written on the attached form located on the informational table in the narthex. Or you may email ads to Stsimonsoffice@fuse.net (word document).

The check and a copy of your "ad" may be mailed to Bea. Dorris, c/o St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church, 810 Matthews Drive, Lincoln Heights, Ohio 45215. Checks should be made payable to St. Simon of Cyrene Episcopal Church, and in the memo section indicate Men & Women's Day.

All ads must be received no later than October 1, 2017 to be included in the booklet.

Deborah Allsop, ECW Chairperson, Clark Cowen, Men's Chairperson

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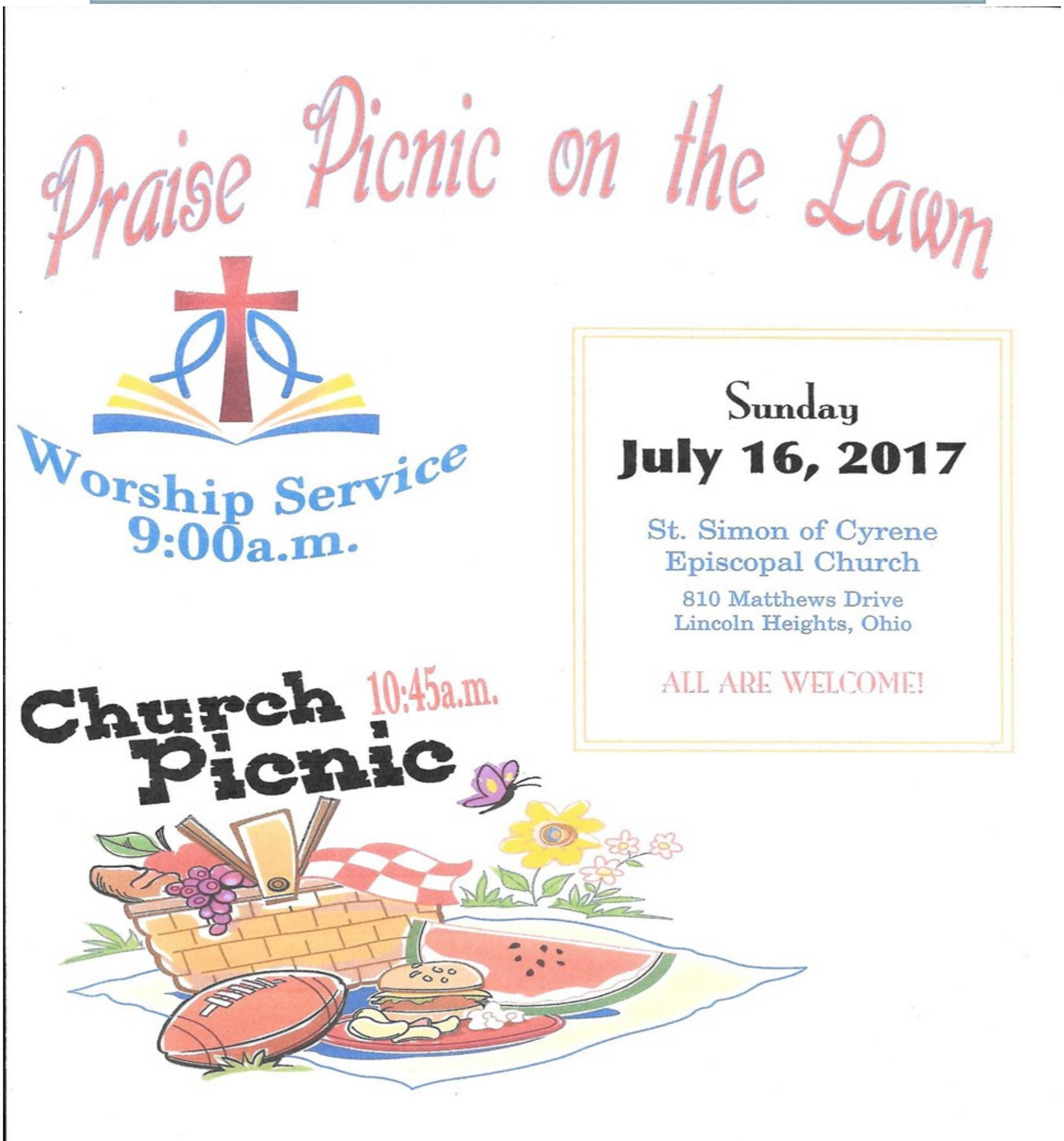


PLEASE BRING A TABLECLOTH AND LAWN CHAIR

LITURGY And WORSHIP

ALTAR GUILD-Beatrice Dorris, Chairperson

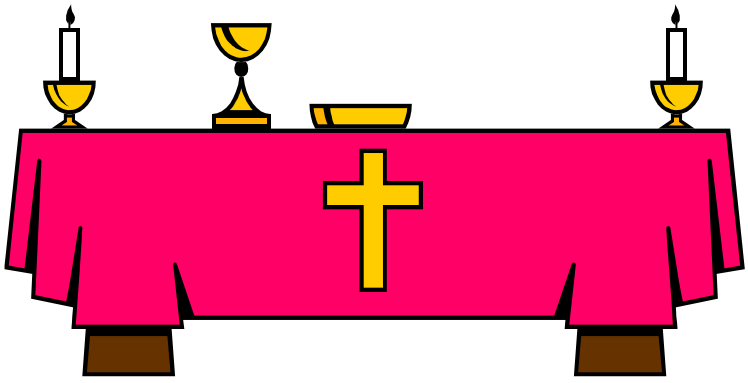
1st Saturday
Rosie Holloway*
Beatrice Dorris

3rd Saturday:
Mary Beatty*
Pearl Jordan
Olga Simpson

2nd Saturday:
Beatrice Dorris *
Shirley Miller
Cecelia McCullough

4th Saturday:
Melba Garcia *
Beatrice Dorris

*Team Leader



If you would like to serve on the Altar Guild please speak to Chairperson Beatrice Dorris
We are in need of volunteers!

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WORSHIP SERVICES
SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

9:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Thomas Breidenthal, Bishop
The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Price, Jr. /Suffragan Bishop of Southern Ohio
The Rt. Rev. Nedi Rivera, Assisting Bishop
The Rev. William Scrivener, Priest In Charge
The Rev. Dr. Colenthia Hunter, Deacon
The Rev. Theorphlis Borden, Deacon
The Rev. James Mobley, Deacon
Rosie Holloway, Senior Warden
Joe Dorris, Junior Warden
Douglas Bennett, Treasurer
Dr. Daniel Pater, Director of Music

VESTRY MEMBERS:

Mary Beatty- Vestry Secretary, James Allsop, Ralph Edwards, LaVerne Mitchell, Denise Pitts, Mary Stenson.