

St. Helena's Episcopal Church and School

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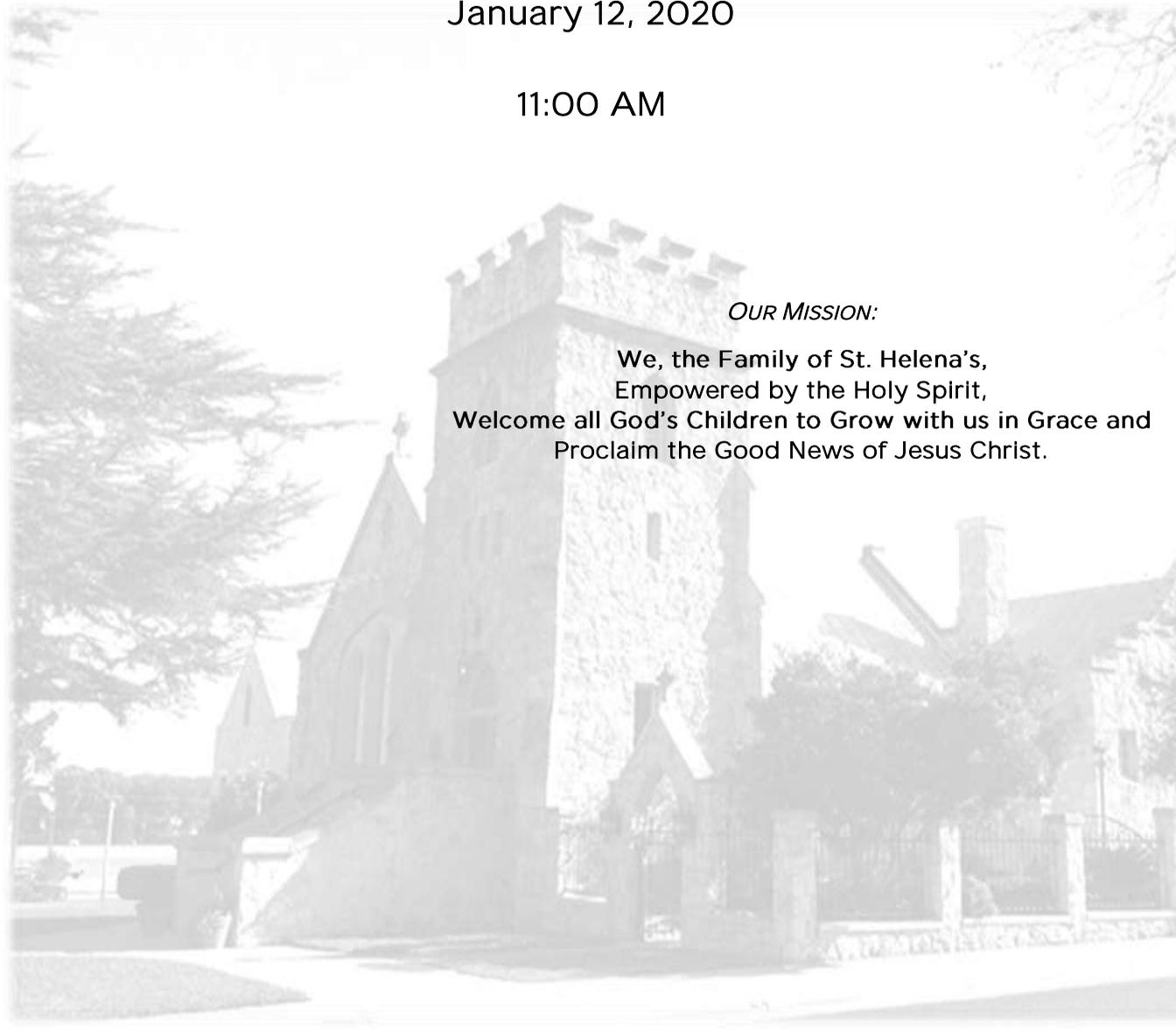
The Rev. David G. Read, *Rector*

The First Sunday after Epiphany
January 12, 2020

11:00 AM

OUR MISSION:

We, the Family of St. Helena's,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
Welcome all God's Children to Grow with us in Grace and
Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ.



Welcome to St. Helena's Episcopal Church & School

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. If you are a visitor with us, we warmly welcome you to this worship service and to the vibrant life of St. Helena's community. We invite you to fill out a Guest Card found in the pew bookrack and drop it in the offering plate when it comes by. We want you to know that all baptized Christians - regardless of your denomination, tradition, age, or background - are invited and welcome to receive Holy Communion during worship. Also, pick up a blue bag as you leave today. It contains our latest newsletter and other information about St. Helena's.

CHILD CARE

Children of all ages are always welcome in our worship services. Children's sermons are part of our worship during 9:00am and 11:00am worship services. Should you desire it, child care for children ages infants through 4 years is available during all worship services and most parish activities. The parish nurseries are located downstairs in the Parish Hall Wing. (Signs are posted)

QUESTIONS?

For more information regarding St. Helena's Early Enrichment Program, Children & Youth Ministries, music, Bible Studies, senior ministries, baptisms, weddings, and more, please feel free to contact our clergy or staff members. More information may be found on our website at www.sthelenas.net.

The restrooms are located in the Parish Hall Wing, one floor below the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:45 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 11:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:10 A.M. Sunday School for all ages:

Adults

Preschool - 2nd - Room C Wendler Hall

3rd - 5th Room 2 - Parish Hall Wing

Middle and High School - Youth House

Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Service of Public
 Healing
 and Holy Eucharist

Holy Eucharist

Prelude Chorale Prelude on *Schmücke dich*

J. S. Bach

Welcome

Hymn

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness

Hymnal 381

Tune: Ton-y-Botel

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The following is sung, all standing

Collect of the Day

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

All sit.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth

justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.” Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

BCP p. 620

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord*
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence

All stand.

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal 529

Tune: McKee

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

All remain standing

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Dawn McLendon

Sermon

The Rev. David G. Read

Nicene Creed*All stand.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People*All kneel or stand*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Leader and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Anthem

I Wonder as I Wander

John Rutter

I wonder as I wander out under the sky,
How Jesus, the Saviour, did come for to die.
For poor ornery people like you and like I:
I wonder as I wander out under the sky,

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall,
 With wise-men and farmers and shepherds and all.
 But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,
 And the promise of ages it did then recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing:
 A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing;
 Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,
 He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the King!

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
 Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

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| <i>Celebrant</i> | The Lord be with you. |
| <i>People</i> | And also with you. |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Lift up your hearts. |
| <i>People</i> | We lift them to the Lord. |
| <i>Celebrant</i> | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| <i>People</i> | It is right to give him thanks and praise. |

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Helena and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy Name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread*A period of silence is kept.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers are available. Please inform the priest as you come forward. Prayer ministers are positioned in the transept to the left after communion for your personal needs.

Communion Hymn*Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness*

Hymnal 339

1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day-light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth;
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won-drous ban-quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Tune: Schmücke dich

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Processional Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135

Tune: Salzburg

Dismissal

*Celebrant
 People*

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude:

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Vincent Lübeck

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Prayers for our Members

Please pray for our family as you journey through this week.

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| Joe | Paula | Max | Christian |
| Dorla | Roe | Lydia Faith | Jaydan |
| Gail | Elmarie | Sarah | Mary |
| Mark | Nadine | Dawn | Tristan |
| Makenna | Rochelle | Allison | Andrew |
| Calvin | John | Savanah | |
| Janis | Jan | | |

| 11:00 Worship Leaders | | Vestry Officers | |
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| Acolyte: | Kathryn Chisholm, Maggie Chisholm | Sr. Warden: | Jasen Hart |
| Altar Guild: | Team 1 | Jr. Warden: | Chris Godsey |
| EM: | Leslie Taylor, Amy Purcell | Secretary: | Erin Barton |
| Prayer Team: | Marie Mayfield | Treasurer: | Ron Tribo |
| Ushers: | Jane Burton, Tuffy Burton | | |
| Vestry Host: | John Howe, Paul Johnson | | |

What You Want to Know

Bible Studies

The Sacramental Life Worship in the Episcopal Church is sacramentally centered. Through the celebration of the rites of Holy Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Holy Matrimony, Confirmation, Extreme Unction, Reconciliation of a Penitent, and Ordination, we participate in the life of the Risen Christ and receive grace upon grace. Fr. David Read will lead a Sunday School class in exploring the sacraments, their Biblical and historical roots, commonly asked questions, and how all of life is sacramental in nature. The class will meet January 12 – March 29 at 10:15AM in the Great Room.

Radio Bible Study

Join Fr. Brian as we search for harmonies between the scripture we read and the songs we hear on the radio. Each week, we will put a piece of popular music in conversation with a passage from the Bible. From Genesis to Isaiah to Matthew to Paul; from Jimi Hendrix to Dolly Parton to Nine Inch Nails to Ariana Grande; we will cover all this and more through thought-provoking conversations that stretch our biblical imagination. Our goal is to hear how biblical images and themes appear in

non-religious music, so that we can better listen for the voice of the Lord in our everyday lives. Classes will be held in the Parish Hall. Contact Fr. Brian at curate@sthelenas.net

ART OF PARENTING

AOP will help parents find new ways to integrate faith into everyday parenting moments. As parents we will learn tools on making faith the core of our parenting with intentional, biblical, teachings and Christ-centered plans. We will end the 7 weeks with renewed confidence and fresh insights on parenting children of all ages, and have the capability to create a plan unique to each child's personality and gifts. Study begins on Thursday, January 16th for 7 weeks in the Youth House. Dinner will be served at 5:30PM and class begins at 6PM concluding by 7PM. Contact Stefanie for more information at stefanie@sthelenas.net

Wednesday Bible Study

The Book of Acts will be the focus of this study lead by Fr. David. It will begin on Wednesday, January 22nd at 11AM in the Parish Hall.

Women's News

The Husband Project is a prayer-based book experience, for wives who have been married for one day, one year, one decade, or one lifetime. Join us as we refocus on the husband that God has chosen for us. Stefanie and Dawn will co-lead this study on Sunday mornings during the Christian Ed Hour in Annex W. If you have questions, please contact Stefanie Nitschke at stefanie@sthelenas.net and/or Dawn McLendon at dawn@sthelenas.net

Music News

Choir rehearsals have begun for our Chancel Choir at 7 PM in Room 3. Contact Whit if you would like to join the choir at choir@sthelenas.net

Men's News

Men's Thursday Morning Bible Study On the Mark with the Gospel of Mark. Join the guys at 7AM on Thursdays in Annex W. for this study. Contact Ron if you have questions at ronjeri@gvvc.com.

Men's Fellowship Chili Cook Off Competition is tough and the judges are even tougher. Have a bowl and hear a presentation from Fr. Brian Fox in the Parish Hall on "Journeys of Faith." Questions? Write to: men@sthelenas.net

Children / Youth News

Wednesday after School Programs have begun. Contact Dawn at dawn@sthelenas.net if you have questions.

Vacation Bible School June 8 through 11 from 9AM to Noon, for 2yr. olds through 5th graders. Register online at www.sthelenas.net.

Sr. Fellowship News

January 19th, 12:30PM we will meet at Tusculum Restaurant and Brewing Co. for a

casual lunch. Tommy Mathews, will give us some history and a tour of the newly refurbished Historical Building. Contact Pat for more information on this or any activities for our Seniors of St. Helena's at seniors@sthelenas.net.

This year's Annual Parish Meeting is set for January 26th at 10AM in the Great Room of Wendler Hall. Come to worship and hear some of our exciting news for 2020. We will have a report on our parish finances and breakfast will be served, as well. Our 7:45 service will be held as usual.

Donate at your convenience. Our "Donate" button is found on our website at www.sthelenas.net. All manner of donations, pledging and pledge payments, tithes, altar flowers and gifts of all types, may be conducted there. Click on "Giving".

We are grateful to Ed Rieke, our guest Organist this morning.



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