



The Wayfarer

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church
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Sunday Schedule:
9:30AM Choir Practice
10:00 AM Children's Christian
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10:30AM Church Service

Wednesday Schedule:
7:00 pm Choir Practice

Mission Statement

***As a Christian
Community,
St. James' Mission is
Ministering in God's Love
to the Spiritual and
Physical Needs of all
People
in the Name of Christ.***

We have a Priest-in-Charge!!

It has been a long bumpy road but you can see the light at the end of the tunnel now. Our vestry has worked diligently for almost a full year in transition and formation, study and review of our parish, in interview and discernment of candidates. All the while addressing the day to day issues of our church family and facility.

While they have been working on their task, we have all had the opportunity to memorize the Morning Prayer service. We have had an assortment of supply priests from our own diocese and the diocese of West Tennessee. Thank God for all of them coming to our rescue. We have literally had the ceiling fall in on us! It has been quite a year.

All of your patience and the Vestry's hard work has finally paid off. The Vestry and Wardens are pleased to officially announce that they have called the Rev. Brandt Dick to be our priest-in-charge. He will begin with us at St. James on April 1, 2014 (this is no April fool).

And so we come full circle as the vestry once again works on transition. This time, the transition of helping Father Brandt and his family settle into our community and become a part of our church family.

Father Brandt has written a little article about himself and his family. Read all about it on page 2.

Meet our New Priest-in-Charge

Greetings in the Name of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Words cannot adequately express our excitement at the thought of joining the family at St. James' Episcopal Church. Erica, Lucy, Zachary, and I are counting the days until we move to Greenville and get started with our new lives in the Delta.

I have been asked to share a little information about us. Erica and I grew up in McComb in the southwest part of Mississippi. Erica and I were both teachers. I taught high school math and science (mostly chemistry, physics, and calculus) while Erica's area is special education. Erica is a life-long Episcopalian while I was raised Southern Baptist. It was much easier for me to become an Episcopalian than for Erica to become Baptist. As one parishioner in McComb put it, "Brandt, you were always an Episcopalian; you just didn't know it."

Our son Zachary is thirteen (soon to be fourteen) and in the eighth grade. He likes to play basketball and video games. Our daughter Lucy, seven, was born in China. We adopted her when she was twenty-two months old. She is Chinese, but she also has albinism, so she has blond hair and blue eyes. She looks more like a member of my family than I do. We are very proud of our children.

I have been a priest now for eight years. I spent seven years in Natchez as the chaplain at Trinity Episcopal Day School and priest associate at Trinity Episcopal Church. For the past year or so I have been the vicar at St. John's Episcopal Church in Aberdeen. I am looking forward to being a part of the St. James family and the larger Greenville and Delta community. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your priest.

Peace,

Brandt+



The 2nd Annual Delta Storytelling Festival

Nearly everyone knows the literary heritage of Greenville and our city's claim to have more published authors per capita of any city in our nation. The Delta

Storytelling Festival seeks to build upon the literary history of Greenville by bringing people near and far together around this shared tradition while also providing an economic boost to our local economy. Last year more than 200 people enjoyed the tales of a number of storytellers on the lawn of St. James Episcopal Church, and we're already expecting a larger crowd for this year's edition.

This year, nationally known storytellers Kim & Reggie Harris, Andy Offutt Irwin, Terrence Roberts, and John Stark will headline the Second Annual Delta Storytelling Festival. The festival being held at **St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville on Saturday, April 26**, will also include a young storytellers contest and a wide variety of local food, beverage, and craft vendors. *We are still looking for volunteers to work and we are still raising money to support the festival.* Anyone interested in helping can contact Jamie Hardin @ (979) 574-0743 or Marsha Baird (662) 931-3577.

Visit us at www.facebook.com/pages/Delta-Storytelling-Festival/393750277346209 for more information on the festival. If you're interested in being a vendor, call festival co-chairs Jamie Hardin (979) 574-0743 or Brett Harris (662) 832-2091.



Tuesday, Mar. 4 – Shrove Tuesday
6:00 PM--EYC hosts Pancake Supper

Wednesday, Mar. 5– Ash Wednesday
12:00 PM--HE & imposition of ashes
 (A babysitter will be available for this service.)



Day School

NEWS

Day School Happenings!

February has been full of activities for our preschoolers. Valentine's Day is always fun to celebrate by exchanging cards with all of our friends.

The kindergarten celebrated the 100th Day of School by sharing 100 items. They crowned themselves 100 days smarter and made a snack of 100 food items. Then they did 100 exercises. It is so fun to finally get to this day!

The preschool enjoyed learning about President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln. We wore red, white and blue for President's Day.

The Kindergarten also celebrated Mother Goose Day by learning nursery rhymes. Each student chose a rhyme to recite and dressed in character. The rhymes were performed for the entire school.

The children are really excited about our new tire swings that were recently installed! Please check them out. Thanks to Emily Peralisi for heading up this project.

Registration has begun for fall 2014. Current students and parishioners have priority until March 15. If you know of anyone who needs an application or information, contact the school at 334-4588.

Ginny Cochran, Director

Harvest has a new Volunteer

Good news from Harvest! Ellen Daniels has volunteered to come every Monday to help, and we already wonder how we did it without her. It especially allows us to give more attention to each member of the group. You can imagine how much this means to those who live in our group home and have little or no contact with their families. In other words - Thank you, Thank you, Thank you, Ellen.

Jane Jones

Looking for a Lenten discipline?

Over the past two years Bishop Gray has invited members of this diocese to join him in a disciplined reading of scripture during Lent. Each year more than a thousand people have joined the "Bible Challenge".

During Lent 2014 we will be exploring a new portion of scripture in an intentional and systematic way. The epistles of St. Paul to the Churches in Rome and Corinth will be our focus this year. Romans and 1st and 2nd Corinthians show the church of the 1st century working out its theology, polity and practice in the midst of the normal challenges of a new faith community coming into being. St. Paul's letters to these emerging churches give us both an insight into foundational issues for first century Christianity and 21st century Christians.

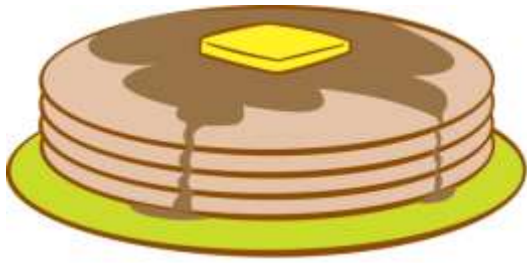
Go to <http://www.dioms.org> to register and be a part of this Lenten study.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2014

Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 7, 2014. This year the women of The World Day of Prayer Committee of Egypt invite us into a time of worship with the words of the prophet Isaiah; "I am making a way in the wilderness and streams of the desert. With these words as backdrop, we are invited to learn about Egypt's history and rich cultural diversity. Come and join the Women (and Men) of St. James' on Friday, March 7 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch and the World Day of Prayer 2014 Celebration as we explore Egypt's Christian heritage.

Next Dates for Baptisms

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist at the chief service on a Sunday. The next dates for baptism at St. James are June 8, Pentecost, & November 1, All Saints' Sunday. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy Bostic at the Church Office or speak to the Rector.



PANCAKE SUPPER

The Pre-EYC will have their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper beginning at 5:30pm March 4. (\$5.00 per person, \$20.00 for a family of 5 & up)

Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee requests that when you add a person to the prayer list PLEASE give Denise or Betsy their full address so the Committee can send them a card if needed. It is the desire of the committee to let the people on our church prayer list know they are being prayed for on Sunday. Many people feel great thanks for others remembering when they are either ill or going through rough times.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study Group continues their study of the Psalms. Here is the schedule for the remainder of the course:

March 5:
Prayer Book for God's People

March 12:
Psalms of Sacred History

March 19:
Psalms of Trust

March 26
Psalms of Lament

April 2:
Psalms of Praise

Guided Day Apart: The Anglican Rosary

March 8, 2014 (10am-3pm) at Gray Center

New this year, our Guided Days Apart are mini-retreats during which participants are guided in a spiritual practice. Rev. Greg Proctor will lead this day on the Anglican Rosary. Participants will learn about the Anglican method of praying the Rosary and have the option to string their own beads and write their own prayer. Cost is \$30. Drinks are provided, you may bring your own lunch. For more information please go to graycenter.org

Rebuilding after the Loss of a Relationship

March 28-29, 2014 (6pm Friday-4pm Saturday) at Gray Center

The loss of a central relationship through death, divorce or estrangement creates a complex web of logistical, social, spiritual and emotional needs. Somehow one has to push through and usually that comes at the expense of your own needs. This retreat is an opportunity to carve out time for yourself to journey from the painful past towards a better future. With Caelin Hanna Slevin, LPC and Rev. Billie Abraham. Cost is \$115/\$130 (double/single room). Please register by March 20. For more information please go to graycenter.org

ECW Retreat with Katerina Whitley

April 4-5, 2014 (3pm Friday-12Pm Saturday) at Gray Center

Author Katrina Whitley will bring a new reality to familiar Bible stories by performing monologues in costume, impersonating two women from the Bible. Cost: \$100/120 (double/single) \$45 (day only) Please register by March 28. For more information contact Caelin Slevin @ caelin@graycenter.org or 601-397-4273.

Friday Fellowship

Our next family fellowship will be March 28 from 5:30-7:30 pm at the home of Betsy & Andy Alexander, #1 Bellewood. Gather with your fellow parishioners and enjoy some time together. Edie will be at the church to babysit as usual so you can have a grown-up evening out. If you would like to host a family fellowship evening, call the church office and we will be glad to put you on the calendar.



Don't forget to set your clocks forward Saturday, March 8.

Prayer List

We pray for parishioners: **Louise** Loughran, **Haley** Holbrook, **Ralph** Owens, **Shirley** Mitchell, **Elizabeth** Smith, **Theresa** Skelton, **Saundra** Lane, Two Name withheld.

We pray for friends and family: **Butch** Duncan, **Joe** Walker, **Elizabeth** Scrivner, **Susie** Vick, **Janice** Spradlin, **Bowen** Kelly, **Rev. James** LaBatard, **Luther** Thaxton, **Shirley** Pouncey, **Betty** Lang, **James** Nowell, **Betsy** Samuels, **Jacob** Polk, **Nina** Pieroni, **Dot** Hester, **Gayle** Simpson, **Ali** Jenkins, **Helen** Toler, **Clint** Johnson, **Anna** Catherine Wilkerson, **Parker** Jones, **Darrell** Forman, **Colton** Thomas, **Mike** Tubertini, **Greg** Hudgins, **Susan** Drummond, **Joelle** Lindner, **Paula** Polson Provine, **Lindsey** Bailey, **Patty** Cantrell, **Wright & Margaret** Jefferies, **Mickie** Bennett, **John** Estess, **Terry** Burford, **Connie** Burford.

We pray for expectant couples: **Frankie & Roberts** Wilson, **Laura & Faris** Buchberger, **Emily & Brian** Pieralisi.

March Birthdays

Gayden Metcalfe	3/04
Julia Folk	3/06
John Marshall	3/07
Amanda Cottingham	3/08
Leigh Harris	3/10
Alexa Engel	3/12
Emma Jean McIntyre	3/13
Brett Harris	3/15
Roy Meeks	3/15
Mesa Wells	3/15
Katie Holbrook	3/16
Melissa Moyse	3/17
Marly Wells	3/18
David K. Lee	3/21
Miriam Ables	3/22
Louise Loughran	3/25
Sandy McIntire	3/25
Minor Hawkins	3/26
Jo Ann Lee	3/27
Ann Egger	3/30

March Wedding Anniversaries

Allison & Peter Nimrod	3/04
Sonya & Tim Bixler	3/08
Nan & Gary Hines	3/12

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

March 25th is last day
for articles for April
Newsletter



**The Altar Flower list for 2014
is now on the bulletin board.**



Come join Ruby Edwards
and the ECW ladies for a
great lunch and fellowship
on March 11, Greenville
Country Club @ 11:45
a.m.



The Third annual Lay Leadership Conference

On March 15, at St. James Episcopal Church, Jackson, the Diocese of Mississippi will be offering a Leadership Conference instead of a New Vestry Member and Wardens' conference. The Leadership conference is intended for wardens, vestry and mission committee members, treasurers, finance committee members and anyone else who is interested. The Very Reverend Kevin Martin, author and Consultant on Church Growth and Development will be the guest speaker. You may register online at <http://www.dioms.org>.

Service Ministries for Sunday, March 2,:**Morning Prayer****Worship Leader:** Dotti Lowe**Lector:** Kathy Hart**Ushers:** Ed Egger, Tyler Horn, Mickey Naaman, John McGee**Acolyte:** Olivia Lowe**Altar Guild:** Ann Macvaugh, Sandy Welsh, Lynda Lavers, Ann Egger, Betty Fullilove, Lou Sudduth**Flower Guild:** Lea Margaret Hamilton, Courtney Ayres**Nursery:** Laura Buchberger**Vestry Assignment:** Beth Naaman, Theresa Skelton**S.A.S.K.: March 3:** Mickey Sandidge**Service Ministries for Wednesday, March 5:****Ash Wednesday – Noon HE:****Celebrant:** Rev. Jane Alexander,**Worship Leader:** Ann Macvaugh**Lector:** Betsy Alexander**Acolyte:** Finley Edwards**Service Ministries for Sunday, March 9:****Celebrant:** Rev. Julianna Gray**Worship Leader:** Dot Meeks**Lector:** Harley Metcalfe**Ushers:** Nolan Andrews, George Baird, Jimmy Sutherland, David Skelton**Acolytes:** Emery & Cameron Skelton, Rebecca Jones, Mac Hamilton**Altar Guild:** Martha Renfroe, Penny Byler, Ellen Daniels, Sonya Bixler**Flower Guild:** Lea Margaret Hamilton, Courtney Ayres**Vestry Assignment:** Laura Smith, Mike Williams**S.A.S.K.: March 10:** Lou Sudduth**Service Ministries for Sunday, March 16:****Morning Prayer****Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines**Lector:** Tommy Mills**Ushers:** Bill Andrews, Tommy Hart, Brad Jones, Todd Lane**Acolyte:** Elizabeth Skelton**Altar Guild:** Barbera Nicholson, Jane Jones, Marsha Baird, George Baird, Emma Jean McIntyre, Martha Love Bradley**Flower Guild:** Lea Margaret Hamilton, Courtney Ayres**Vestry Assignment:** Warren Harper, Nolan Andrews**S.A.S.K.: March 17:** Jean Nimrod**Service Ministries for Sunday, March 23:****Celebrant:** The Very Rev. Julia Moore**Worship Leader:** Rick Byler**Lector:** Mickey Naaman**Ushers:** Harley Metcalfe, Martin Mitchell, Peter Nimrod, Bill Schaffarazick, Ralph Owens**Acolytes:** Elizabeth, Emery, Cameron Skelton, Mac Hamilton**Altar Guild:** Charlie Mitchell, Martha Weissinger, Martin Mitchell, Victor Smith, Elizabeth Smith**Flower Guild:** Lea Margaret Hamilton, Courtney Ayres**Vestry Assignment:** Betsy Alexander, Carl Cottingham**S.A.S.K.: March 24:** Jan Engel**Service Ministries for Sunday, March 30:****Morning Prayer****Worship Leader:** Dotti Lowe**Lector:** William Owens**Ushers:** Dudley Stewart, Doug Wade, David Cochran, Tommy Mills**Acolyte:** Olivia Lowe**Altar Guild:** TBA, 5th Sunday Team**Flower Guild:** Lea Margaret Hamilton, Courtney Ayres**Vestry Assignment:** Nan Hines, Ann Macvaugh**S.A.S.K.: March 31:** Robert Jenkins

Changing Mississippi
One Relationship at a Time

Mission Mississippi meets every Tuesday at 7 a.m.

March 4: Washington Co. Ext. Bldg.,
148 North Edison

March 11: New White Stone Church,
422 Pap Brown @ S. Hinds

March 18: First Baptist Church,
407 Main Street

March 25: Vessels of Mercy,
712 McAllister Street