The Wayfarer

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church
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Sunday Schedule:
8:00AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:30AM Choir Practice
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday Schedule:
6:30 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.

New Service Option

As I write this month's newsletter article, I am very excited about a new worship opportunity offering. This will take the form of a "house church" service. The idea is that we gather in a parishioner's home on Sunday afternoon for church. This service is in addition to our regular Sunday schedule. We will still have our Rite I service at 8:00, Sunday School at 9:30, and the 10:30 Rite II service. But an additional opportunity will be at 4:00 PM. On May 3, we will be gathering at the home of Wesley and Laura Smith.

The plan is to gather at 4:00 and celebrate the Holy Eucharist together. This will be an informal gathering. We're talking shorts and t-shirts. The idea is to have a service where children can be children without the parents having to worry if they are disturbing someone else. We are going into this expecting kids to be kids. Everyone is invited to participate, but it is particularly appropriate for folks with children.

I came across the idea of house church from a parish in Maine. They have had great success with this informal, family-oriented type service. It gives folks an opportunity to gather together in Christ's name in a different way than a more formal Sunday morning service. There is something about welcoming one another into our homes that builds community and friendships, which is a big part of being members of God's family.

After the service we will eat – always a crowd pleaser. If you decide to come to the service, bring a dish to share and we will continue to enjoy each other's company. I envision children playing together and adults talking and sharing in the fellowship of Christ together.

Since this is a new thing, I know there are some questions. I have compiled a brief FAQ (frequently asked questions) that may help. If your question isn't answered here, please feel free to ask me yourself.

Does this mean we have to go to church twice that day?
For some people, maybe yes. I know of at least one thurifer that I expect to be at 10:30 and 4:00. We will have Sunday School, so some involved with that might go to two services. Although it would be okay to do Sunday School, leave, and just go to the 4:00 service. If it helps any to know, I will be at church three times that day. But I like church. Don't you?

Are you going to preach the same thing?
Probably not. I know I won't be using the same homily for the afternoon service. But there will probably be some overlap.

Will there be singing at the afternoon service?
I haven't arranged for anything at this point, but if someone shows up with a guitar (or accordion or harmonica or whatever) I'll be happy to have some singing going on. If it is something people like, we'll see what we can do. I want this to be a people's service.

Will there be incense at the afternoon service?
Sadly, no. Unless you want it. Depends upon the host family.

Will this be fun?
Fun is in the eyes of the beholder, but it is my intent that this will be fun. It's always fun for me when St. James' folks get together. I don't know why this would be any different.

Peace, Fr. Brandt+

May 24 is Pentecost and we will celebrate with an ice cream social. Immediately after 10:30 church we will have our annual picture taken in front of the church and then go into the parish hall for some delicious ice cream. It's a day to eat dessert first!

D*ay School Rummage Sale*

The 5th Annual Giant Rummage Sale to benefit St. James Episcopal Day School will be held Friday and Saturday, June 19 & 20 in the Parish Hall. This event has been very successful in the past and we are looking forward to another fantastic fundraiser.

We have a container at the back of the driveway where you may bring your rummage during office hours (no clothes or shoes, please). Just come to the Day School or the Church office to get the key. Call the school if you need more information 334-4588.

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 May 24, The Day of Pentecost, August 2, The Bishop's Visit, and November 1, All Saint's Day. To schedule a baptism, please call the Rector or Betsy at the Church Office.

Gray Center Sunday will May 3. The Plate offering on that day will go to further the mission of Gray Center.

May 10, 10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist

Our youth will be spotlighted Sunday, May 10, as we honor those making school transitions this year. Our high school graduate and our Day School graduates will be acknowledged during the service as we send them all off with our love, support and prayers.

Our senior, Emery David Lewis Skelton will graduate from Washington School in May. He will be attending Mississippi State University in the fall majoring in Agricultural Engineering Technology and Business. While at Washington School, Emery lettered in football and was inducted into Rho Kappa society. He is an avid hunter and fisherman. Emery will be spending his summer working for Pioneer Seed in Leland.

ECW Luncheon

The next ECW luncheon will be May 12 at 11:45 a.m. at the Greenville Country Club. Please note, this will be the last luncheon until September. I wish to thank all who have helped make this a great year and I will look forward to a new year come September.

St. James'
Tenth Annual
Lobsterfest
Saturday, May 16
5:00pm
Tickets $30.00 now on sale
Join us to enjoy Maine Lobster, coleslaw, corn on the cob, new potatoes and a beverage. Kid's plate of hot dogs and chips is free!
Tickets are available in the church office.

Day School News

It's Exciting Over in the Day School!

Spring is here and the children are enjoying every day of it! We recently released our painted lady butterflies that we watched as they hatched from larva. We have also been watching a nest of eagles hatch via live feed from a satellite from Decorah, Iowa. It is so cool to watch the daily growth of the eaglets! In April, we celebrate Earth Day by learning about our environment and ways to take better care of it. The pre-k classes have also celebrated this month with Pajama Day and Silly Sock Day! With Senora Dees the children are learning to sing the Itsy Bitsy Spider in Spanish. It is something new and fun all of the time.

The school year will be ending soon. Kindergarten graduation is May 12 at 6:00.

The 2015 Annual Diocesan Altar Guild Meeting will be held Sat., May 2, 9:00 A.M.-1:00 P.M. at The Church of the Nativity, Greenwood, MS

ECW Spring Conference

The ECW Spring Conference was held April 10 and 11 at Gray Center. We were delighted and blessed to have had Bishop Brian Seage as speaker and celebrant.

Using the Book of Jonah as a parallel, he shared the story of his own life and ministerial calling, highlighting the times when the interventions of others brought God's grace into his life. Bishop Seage encouraged us to share our sacred stories and to be cognizant of times when we have experienced God's grace in our own lives.

Good times, good food, fellowship, and renewal were enjoyed by all. Erica Dick, Amy Hinton, Lisa Lacy, and Ruby Edwards attended.

May Friendship Day

The Greenville chapter of Church Women United is celebrating May Friendship Day Friday, May 8th at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, 1 John Calvin Circle. Registration is from 11:45-12 and the program will begin at noon.

"The focus of this year's celebration is caregiving," reports Kendall Cox, Vice President of the local CWU chapter. "So many of us, women and men alike, find ourselves in the role of being a caregiver at different points in our lives. How do we as givers of care make the time to take care of ourselves? Our program will include speakers who will address the very real need we have to take care as we give care."

The committee that planned the May Friendship Day celebration shared the following on this year's theme: Caregiving is a task entrusted to us by God. As women, we care for others throughout our lives: from children and youth, to our spouses and significant others, to our parents and grandparents. Knowing the tasks of caregivers and their inability sometimes to care for themselves, we recognize a need of love and respite for our caregiving sisters and brothers. This May Friendship Day Celebration is for all people who struggle with their calling of caring for the needs of others. Caregiving can be a lonely place of isolation and frustration. Jesus calls all of us to care for the least of these. How can we provide support for our sisters and brothers in Christ who give of their own lives in order to care for the needs of others? Like Simon of Cyrene who helped Jesus carry the cross to His crucifixion, how can we help to lighten the burden of caregivers and join them on their journey?

We will gather in Nunan Hall at First Presbyterian. Friends are asked to bring a healthy, simple dish to share (2-4 servings) and we will have a potluck luncheon after our program. Church Women United is a racially, culturally, theologically inclusive Christian women's movement, celebrating unity in diversity. For more information about our local Greenville chapter, please contact Kendall Cox 662-931-1737 or Kendall@livingwatersfortheworld.org;

Prayer List

For parishioners: **Ellen** Frye, **Jane** Jones, **Sonny & Shirley** Mitchell, **Haley** Holbrook, **Elizabeth** Smith, **Saundra** Lane, 2 **Anonymous**.

For friends and family: **John** Peden, **Tom** Flanagan, **Jackie** Slay, **Pat** Bordelon, **Murray** Mitchell, **Keegan** Spencer, **Carl** Rice, **Chris** Walker Patterson, , **Helen** Toler, **Katherine** Pearson, **Lucinda** Sawyer, **Eric** Lowe, **Chloe** Rocconi, **Darrell** Forman, **Bowen** Kelly, **Trudy** Shultz, **Betsy** Samuels, **Janice** Spradlin, **Nina** Pieroni, **Beverly** Evans, **Connie** Burford, **Terry** Burford, **Maxine** Caulfield, **Bob** Eskay, **Gerald** Abraham, **Charles** Pratt, **Brad** Morgan.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: **Eric** Crews, **Barry** Crosby, **Dan** Gibbons, **Thomas** Griffin, **Barry** Jackson, **Todd** Lane, **Don** Maraska, **Charles** McGraw, **Landon** Marony, **Nathan** Miles, **Martin** Mitchell, **Houston** Sievers, **Benji** Sparks, **Beau** Swain, **Matt** Williams.

For expectant couples: **Kate & Drew** Tominello, **Roane & Caylon** Miller; **Mary Allyn & Stephen** Hedges, **Kate & Jay** Shaw, **Jenny & Jess** Tucker.

May Birthdays

Sonya Bixler	5/01
Dillon Smith	5/03
Mary Lynn Andrews	5/05
Mickey Naaman	5/05
Katherine Andrews	5/06
Anita Bologna	5/10
Charlie Mitchell	5/11
Ed Egger	5/15
Patrick McIntire	5/15
Kate Tominello	5/16
Tyler Horn	5/19
Robert Jenkins, Jr.	5/21
Harley Metcalfe, III	5/21
Barthell Joseph, III	5/26
Jamie Suber	5/26
Robin Kelly	5/28
Elizabeth Skelton	5/28
Madeleine Hendrix	5/29
Elizabeth Jones	5/30
Shirley Mitchell	5/30

May Wedding Anniversaries

Penny & Rick Byler	5/07
Bee & Dudley Stewart	5/11
Kathy & Tommy Hart	5/18
Melanie & Craig Tucker	5/22
Martha & Matt Weissinger	5/23
Lea Margaret & Chris Hamilton	5/25
Stephanie & Skipper Macvaugh	5/25
Marsha & George Baird	5/30
Craig & Cary Karlson	5/31

Transitions

We welcome into Christ's flock Mary Albert Frye who was baptized on Easter Vigil, April 4.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Ray Schoonover who died April 13.

May 3: The Renfroe's

May 10: The Skelton's

May 17: The Winn's

May 24: OPEN

May 31: OPEN

The Altar Flower list is now on the bulletin board. Altar flowers are not just to remember the deceased Giving altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor someone special, celebrate a wedding anniversary, or the birth of a new baby. Sign up today.

St. John's Leland to host the 4th Annual Hotter than Hades Half Marathon

Saturday, June 20, @ Mitchell Distributing in Leland

Proceeds from the race will benefit special sessions at Camp Bratton Green. Go to: https://hotterthanhades.racesonline.com/ for more information and to register.

The church Office will be closed Monday, May 25, Memorial Day

Betsy will be on vacation from May 11 – May 15. The office will be open from 8am---1pm on Monday--Thursday and 8am---Noon on Friday.

Service Ministries for Sunday, May 3:
8:00 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
Lector: Mickey Naaman
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Martha Renfroe
Lector: Lee Engel
Ushers: Ed Egger, Tyler Horn, Mickey Naaman, John McGee
Nursery: Emily Pieralisi
Acolytes: Hannah Hinton, Cameron & Lizzie Skelton
Altar Guild: Martha & Jim Renfroe Team
Vestry Assignment: Vance Nimrod, Betsy Alexander
SASK, April 20: Mary Paul McDowell

Service Ministries for Sunday, May 10:
8:00 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
Lector: Elizabeth Smith
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Martha Love Bradley
Lector: Deanna Harper
Ushers: Dudley Stewart, Dough Wade, David Cochran, William Owens.
Acolytes: Rebecca Jones, Sophia Hines, Brantley Nimrod
Altar Guild: Barbera Nicholson Team
Vestry Assignment: Rick Byler, Amanda Cottingham
SASK, April 20: Robert Jenkins

Service Ministries for Sunday, May 17:
8:00 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
Lector: Harper Young
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ann Macvaugh
LEM: Finley Edwards
Lector: Kathy Hart
Ushers: Dudley Stewart, Dough Wade, David Cochran, William Owens.
Acolytes: Zach Dick, Paxton, Nimrod, Joe Hinton
Altar Guild: Charlie Mitchell Team
Vestry Assignment: Nan Hines, Ann Macvaugh
SASK, April 20: Jan Engel

Service Ministries for Sunday, May 24: Pentecost/one service only
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dot Meeks
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Greg Hinton
Ushers: Dudley Stewart, Dough Wade, David Cochran, William Owens.
Acolytes: Cameron Skelton, Katie Hinton, Mary Mesa Wells
Altar Guild: Ann Macvaugh Team
Vestry Assignment: Martin Mitchell, Beth Naaman
SASK, April 20: Closed

Service Ministries for Sunday, May 31:
8:00 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
Lector: Ann Hollowell
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Rick Byler
LEM: Martha Renfroe
Lector: Harley Metcalfe
Ushers: Dudley Stewart, Dough Wade, David Cochran, William Owens.
Acolytes: Rebecca & Thomas Jones, Mac Hamilton
Altar Guild: TBA
Vestry Assignment: Bee Stewart, Margaret Wade
SASK, June 1: David Lee

Mission Mississippi meets every Tuesday at 7 A.M.

May 5: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 422 East Gloster Street

May 12: Delta Sigma Theta, 631 Nelson Street

May 19: Economic Dev. Center, 342 Washington Ave. [upstairs]

May 26: True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, 1531 East Alexander Street

The next newsletter will be a double issue for June and July. The Deadline for items is May 21