



The Wayfarer

The Newsletter of St. James' Episcopal Church
March 2018

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.***

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VESTRY

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| Curt Lacy | Todd Lane |
| Mickey Naaman | William Owens |
| Bill Schaffarzick | Susan Sutherland |
| | Martha Weissinger |

Church Treasurer: Finley Edwards
Clerk of the Vestry: Bee Stewart

Sunday Schedule:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 AM Choir Practice
9:30 AM Sunday School - all ages
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Holy Week 2018

I find it hard to believe that we are almost to another Holy Week and Easter together. I began my time here at St. James' just before Holy Week in 2014, which makes this important time in the church even more special to me personally. I really enjoy Holy Week, from the processional on Palm Sunday to the Great Vigil on Saturday the week is full of meaning and pageantry. As we in some small way recreate the events of that first Holy Week, we are drawn into the contemplations of the Paschal mystery, the passing over from death into life of our Lord Jesus Christ. We share in the Triumphal Entry and in the vigil at the cross. We remember the institution of the New Covenant and the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday and celebrate the risen Lord at the Great Vigil on Saturday night. And we greet with joy Easter Sunday. This year's Great Vigil will include two baptisms. Any baptism is a time of joy and celebration, but baptisms by candlelight at the Great Vigil are particularly special.

I hope that you will make every effort to attend all of our services during Holy Week. We begin on March 25 with one service at 10:30. Weather permitting, we will gather in the outdoor chapel for the Liturgy of the Palms and the procession into the nave. Wednesday night, we will have Stations of the Cross at 5:30. Our Maundy Thursday observance will begin at 6:00 this year. Due to the limited participation the last couple of years, we will not have the washing of feet this year. I understand some people are uncomfortable with the practice, and while the Gospel should cause us discomfort at times, I don't want someone to miss out on Maundy Thursday because of it.

The Good Friday service will begin at noon. The Great Vigil will begin at 7:30 in the outdoor chapel, weather permitting. There will be a reception after the Great Vigil as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Sunday morning there will be one service at 10:30 with our annual Easter egg hunt following the service. We will not have Sunday School on either Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. If you are able to help with refreshments for the Easter egg hunt, please let me know.

A great deal goes on during Holy Week, but I hope that you will make plans now to attend as many services as you can. The nursery will be available for Maundy Thursday and the Great Vigil, as well as our Sunday morning services. I am looking forward to a blessed and meaningful Holy Week this year.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+

ALL THINGS LENT & EASTER

The Easter Memorial Flower list will be in the volunteer office beginning March 4. Please check the list and highlight the names of loved ones you would like to remember with Easter flowers. If a name needs to be added, please PRINT the name on the attached yellow pad. Minimum donation is \$25.00. Please put your check or cash in the envelope attached to the list. If you can't get by the church, you may e-mail your names to betsy@stjamesgreenville.com and mail your check. The deadline for memorial flowers is March 26.

Lent



at St. James

Wednesdays during Lent: (Feb. 21-Mar. 21)

5:30 PM: EP Rite II

6:00 P.M.: Supper and Program in Parish Hall

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 25: 10:30 A.M. Palm Sunday

March 28: 5:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross

March 29: 6:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday, H.E. II, Stripping the altar

March 30: 12:00 Noon The Liturgy for Good Friday

March 31: 7:30 P.M. The Great Vigil of Easter followed by a reception in the parish hall

April 1: 10:30 A.M. Easter Sunday service followed by Easter egg hunt on the lawn

Good Friday Offering

Each year our plate offering on Good Friday goes to the domestic and Foreign Missionary Society. The Episcopal Church has been in partnership with the Diocese of Jerusalem for a very long time. Since 1922 the Good Friday offering we collect helps the ministries of healing, feeding and teaching among the dioceses of the Province. While there is not an "offertory" on Good Friday there will be a plate in the aisle for your donations. Please give generously for this worthy cause.

Saturday, March 31 at 9:30 AM we will be putting all the Easter Lilies in the church for Easter Vigil that night. The more help we have the faster it will be done. Please come help make the church beautiful for Easter.



We will be ringing in the Great Fifty Days of Easter at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, March 31 @ 7:30 PM. Bring your bells to ring during the service.

There will be a reception after Easter Vigil to welcome our newly baptized and celebrate Easter coming. Nan Hines has agreed to chair this event. If you would like to help give her a call.

Easter Egg Hunt Snacks is in need of a coordinator for Easter Day. Call the church office if you are willing to help.



Attention all kids! Be sure to bring a flower for the cross at the 10:30 A.M. service Easter Sunday and your Easter Basket for the Egg Hunt at 11:30 A.M.



REMINDERS

**Don't forget
to spring
forward
March 10!**



**THE ECW LUNCHEON
WILL BE MAR. 13 AT
11:30 A.M. AT SHERMAN'S**

**The Church Office will be closed April 2, the
Monday after Easter.**



The Altar Flower list for 2018 is on the hall bulletin board. Although there are no flowers during Lent, there are many open dates after Easter. If you are interested in taking a Sunday for altar flowers, you may sign up on the list. If it is more convenient, you may call, or email the office and we will sign you up.

**Mission Mississippi meets each
Tuesday at 7AM**



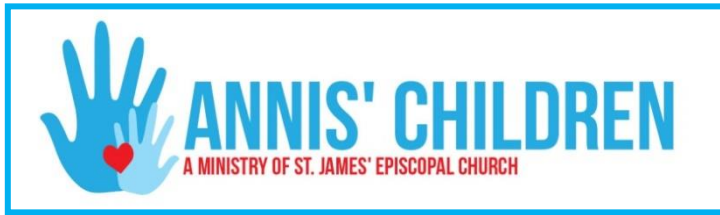
- Mar. 6:** New White Stone Baptist Church
422 Pap Brown St.
- Mar. 13:** Vessels of Mercy, 712 McAllister St.
- Mar. 20** St. Joseph Catholic Church, 412 Main St.
- Mar. 27:** First Baptist Church, 402 Main St.

Puppets are a big Hit

Back in 2016 the Day School Rummage Sale donated 10 puppets to Columbus High School. Courtney Stanback is the ESL (English as a Second Language) teacher there. She uses these puppets to help these young people learn English. Often they are too shy to try to speak English, or ask questions in their native language. "That all changes when they use the puppets; the puppets 'speak' for them. In many cases, the puppets even look like them! We are so grateful to St. James for helping so many of our students break out of their shells and learn English", says Courtney.

Courtney is the sister of Lisa Lacy.





On January 31, several members of the Annis' Children steering committee had the opportunity to meet with Sabrea Smith (Faith-based and Volunteer Services Coordinator for the MS Department of Child Protective Services), and her team Jane Kelly Husband and Samantha Crimm. Sabrea reached out to Father Brandt because she had heard from our local CPS office that St. James' had been a great church resource for their office. At the meeting, we told Sabrea and her team about the programs that Annis' Children had been working on in Washington County. They were amazed and delighted as they are working with churches in MS to not only try to get more people licensed as foster parents through the Rescue 100 program, but also to encourage churches to establish programs such as ours to support foster families.

Rescue 100 is a collaborative effort between the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services, the courts and churches representing all denominations across the state of Mississippi. These organizations work together to streamline the training and licensing process for foster families. **Rescue 100** is committed to recruiting, training and supporting foster families who provide loving homes for children in the state foster care system. **Rescue 100** trains and equips foster families over a two-day weekend to expedite licensing their homes so they can care for children in need of a stable and loving home environment. Orientation sessions and training weekends are held throughout the year in all parts of the state.

Mississippi currently has almost 6,000 children in foster care. There is a critical need for hundreds and hundreds more foster families to care for them and provide them with a safe, stable and loving home environment.

Rescue 100 was begun in Gulfport in 2016 as a faith-based initiative led by Pastor Tony Karnes of Michael Memorial Baptist Church in response to the need for 100 new foster families in his community. The success of the first **Rescue 100** event then inspired leaders to expand the program statewide.

Sabrea and Jane Kelly will be at St. James' on March 4 to give a short presentation on Rescue 100 and how we can help with this effort. Please plan to attend to hear more about the program and support them and Annis' Children as we support the foster care community in Washington County.

Upcoming dates:

March - Social Worker Appreciation Month

March 4 - Potluck lunch with Sabrea Smith/Rescue 100 presentation after 10:30 church

March 19 - Annis' Children monthly meeting - Sabrea Smith and Jane Kelly Husband will be there to answer questions on areas of need

April - Child Abuse Awareness Month

April 5 - St. James' to host Rescue 100 Orientation for prospective foster parents

April 20 - 22 - Foster parent training weekend



March 4 after 10:30 church we will have a potluck lunch. Rescue 100 will be visiting that day and will give a short presentation of their work in the Parish Hall as we all enjoy pot luck.

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 20, The Day of Pentecost, and November 4, All Saints' Sunday. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy Bostic at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.

DIOCESAN NEWS:

ECW SPRING CONFERENCE

March 9-10, 2018 at Gray Center

CLAIMING OUR BIRTHRIGHT:

CREATIVITY AS A SPIRITUAL PRACTICE



Friday Schedule

3-6 p.m. Registration

3:30 Board Meeting

6 p.m. Dinner

7:15 Program

Wine and Cheese to Follow

Saturday Schedule

8-9 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 Registration for Day

9:15 Program

11 Closing Eucharist

12:15 Lunch

Join us as we welcome contemplative artist and spiritual director, Stacy Wills, as she leads us in a time of exploring the connection between creativity and spirituality. What does embracing creativity as a spiritual path look like in our everyday lives? Stacy will also be sharing hands-on opportunities and resources that can help awaken and nurture the creative spirit within each of us. To learn more about Stacey's work, you can visit her website at: www.stacywills.com.

Happening #87 • March 9-11, 2018 • St. Philip's Episcopal Church • Jackson, MS



Who? Happening is for young people in 10th – 12th grades, and there is one small group for adults. Happening is open to all denominations.

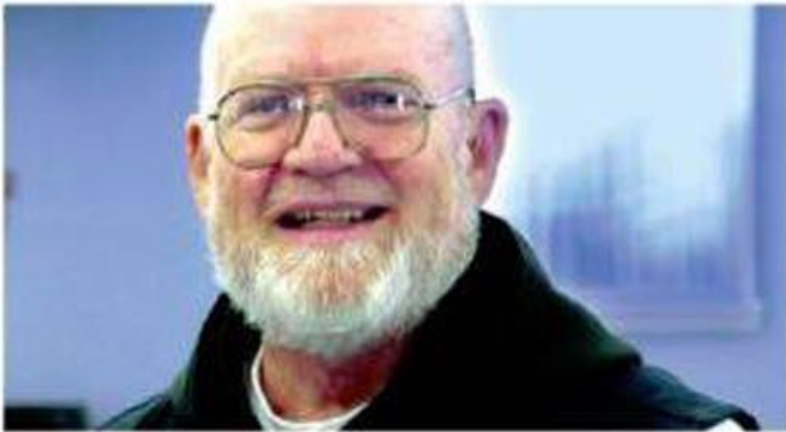
What? The Happening Experience is a powerful weekend of renewal for young people in the Episcopal Church. Participants explore deeply what it means to believe in Jesus and to be part of the Body of Christ. Through large and small group discussions, meaningful experiences of worship and prayer, new friendships, and laughter participants learn about the rich connection between faith and the challenges of daily life. There's also plenty of music, games, fun and great food! The cost is 30 dollars, but half and full scholarships are available.

When? The weekend begins with registration at 7:00 pm on Friday night and concludes with a festive closing Eucharist at 3:30 pm Sunday afternoon at the host parish. Parents, family, friends, former Happeners and parishioners are encouraged to attend this incredible service of celebration and hear Happeners and staff share their experience of the weekend.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER *Retreat*

with Trappist Monk, **Father William Meninger**

of St. Benedict's Monastery in Snowmass, CO,



author of
**The Loving Search for God:
Contemplative Prayer and The
Cloud of Unknowing.**
Father Meninger is a regular
speaker at retreat centers around
the world.

2018 Contemplative Prayer Retreat

We hope you will join us at Gray Center for a Contemplative Prayer Retreat led by Trappist Monk, Fr. William Meninger for the 3rd year in a row! Last year's Contemplative Prayer Retreat was a huge success. This year Fr. Meninger will focus on Enneagram teachings. The weekend will include times of "silence" and the incorporation of contemplative prayer practices.

Registration will begin at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018 in the Gray Center lobby. The retreat will commence at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening following a 6:00 p.m. supper. The retreat will conclude on Sunday, April 15 around 10:30 a.m. following a closing Eucharist.

The cost to attend is \$260/person for single occupancy or \$230/person for double occupancy. The fee includes lodging, 5 meals, and conference materials and program. Space is limited. If you choose the double occupancy option, please include the name of your requested roommate and have them request you when they register.



Registration for Summer Camp at Bratton Green is open now. For Schedules and all information go to <http://graycenter.dioms.org/>

Prayer List

For parishioners: Laura Smith, Ed Egger, Ernest Stone, Susan Sutherland, Doris Jones, Joe McLaurin, Linda Owens, Barbera Nicholson, Haley Holbrook, Jo Ann & David Lee, Shirley Mitchell, Elizabeth Smith.

For friends and family: Ann & Bill Beasley, Joni Cannatella, Earl Lowe, Ben Climer, Lavon Morgan, Hope Bynum, Ann Workman Brewster, Ben Meriweather, Gail Baroni, Aries Cotton, Hunter Azlin, Orman & Mary Gee, Jeanie Pogue, Stella Grace Cook, Maxine Harris, Johnny Utley, Julia Reed, Daisy Walsh, Suzanne Bean, Lindsey Williams, 1 un-named, Katherine Adams, Liz Workman, Edwynne Love, Andy VonAntz, Katherine Carver, Linda Hamilton, John Oglesby, Julie Boswell, Helen Toler, Terry Burford.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Eric Crews, Barry Crosby, Dan Gibbons, Thomas Griffin, Barry Jackson, Landon Marony, Nathan Miles, Houston Sievers, Benji Sparks, Beau Swain, Matt Williams.

For expectant couples: Lacey & Jeremy Brown, Elizabeth & Charlie Weissinger

March Birthdays

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| Brandt Dick | 3/01 |
| Gayden Metcalfe | 3/04 |
| Julia Folk | 3/06 |
| Amanda Cottingham | 3/08 |
| Lou Burle, III | 3/09 |
| Leigh Harris | 3/10 |
| Alexa Engel | 3/12 |
| Emma Jean McIntyre | 3/13 |
| Mesa Wells | 3/15 |
| Katie Holbrook | 3/16 |
| 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 |
| Zach Dick | 3/28 |
| Ann Egger | 3/30 |

March Wedding Anniversaries

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

Service Ministries for Sunday, March 4

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
Lector: Bill Burle
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Curt Lacy
Lector: Lee Engel
Ushers: Ralph Owens, David Skelton
Acolytes: Zach Dick, Paul Horn, Lawler Horn
Altar Guild: Renfroe team
Vestry Assignment: Susan Sutherland, Martha Weissinger

Service Ministries for Sunday, March 11

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
Lector: Jack Lowry
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Martha Renfroe
Lector: Deanna Harper
Ushers: Jimmy Sutherland, Dudley Stewart
Acolytes: Keaton Lacy, Lizzie Skelton, Sophia Hines
Altar Guild: Baird Team
Vestry Assignment: Warren Harper, Bill Burle

Service Ministries for Sunday, March 18

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
Lector: Mickey Naaman
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Warren Harper
Ushers: George Baird, Mickey Naaman
Acolytes: Rebecca Jones, Eva Wade, Maggie Wade
Altar Guild: Mitchell Team
Vestry Assignment: Elizabeth Jones, Curt Lacy

Service Ministries for Sunday, March 25 –

Palm Sunday
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Finley Edwards
Lector: Kathy Hart
Ushers: Bill Andrews, Doug Wade
Acolytes: Mac Hamilton, Brantley Nimrod, Lizzie Skelton
Altar Guild: Egger Team
Vestry Assignment: Todd Lane, Mickey Naaman

Service Ministries for Mar 29,

Maundy Thursday
5:30 PM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Curt Lacy
Ushers: Brad Jones, Todd Lane
Acolytes: Thomas Jones
Altar Guild: Egger Team
Vestry Assignment: William Owens, Bill Schaffarzick

Service Ministries for Mar 30, Good Friday

Noon Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
Lector: Elise Lee
Ushers: George Baird, Mickey Naaman
Vestry Assignment: Susan Sutherland, Martha Weissinger

Service Ministries for Saturday Mar 31, Easter Vigil

7:30 PM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Curt Lacy
Lector: Mickey Naaman
Lector: Ralph Owens
Ushers: Bill Schaffarzick, Peter Nimrod
Acolytes: Zach Dick, Rebecca Jones, Thomas Jones, Sophia Hines
Altar Guild: All Teams
Vestry Assignment: Warren Harper, Bill Burle

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

March 23 is the
deadline for articles
for the April
Newsletter

St. James Calendar for March 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 Clergy Sabbath | 3 10:00 AM A.A. mtg. |
| 4 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:00 AM Choir 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II 11:30 AM Pot Luck 5:00PM EYC | 5 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 12:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee 3:30 PM Harvest 6 PM Al Anon | 6 7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast TBA 6 PM-Boy Scouts | 7 8:30 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 E.P. II 6:00 PM: Supper & Program 7:00 PM Choir | 8 | 9 Clergy Sabbath | 10 10:00 AM A.A. mtg.  |
| 11 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:00 AM Choir 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II | 12 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 3:30 PM Harvest 6 PM Al Anon | 13 7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast TBA 10:00 AM Worship Cmte 11:30 AM ECW Luncheon @ Sherman's 6 PM-Boy Scouts | 14 10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 E.P. II 6:00 PM: Supper & Program 7:00 PM Choir | 15 | 16 Clergy Sabbath | 17 10:00 AM A.A. mtg. |
| 18 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:00 AM Choir 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II 5:00PM EYC | 19 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 3:30 PM Harvest 5:30 PM CPS meeting 6 PM Al Anon | 20 7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast TBA 5:00 PM Finance Cmte 5:30 PM Vestry 6 PM-Boy Scouts | 21 8:30 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 E.P. II 6:00 PM: Supper & Program 7:00 PM Choir | 22 | 23 Clergy Sabbath | 24 10:00 AM A.A. mtg. |
| 25  <i>Palm Sunday</i> 9:00 AM Choir 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II 5:00PM EYC | 26 <i>Deadline for Easter Memorial Flowers</i> 10:00 AM Staff Mtg 3:30 PM Harvest 6 PM Al Anon | 27 7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast TBA 6 PM-Boy Scouts | 28 8:30 AM Day School Chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Stations of the cross 6:00 PM Choir | 29  <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6:00 PM H.E. Rite II, Stripping Altar | 30 School Closed 12:00 Noon Liturgy of Good Friday | 31 9:30 AM Flowering the church 10:00 AM A.A. mtg. 7:30 PM: Easter Vigil & reception |