February 2020

THE WAYFARER

A PUBLICATION OF ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

COMING SOON

Mississippi River Marathon
Spirit Tent
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WORSHIP & STUDY

Wednesdays

10:30 am	Bible Study

Sundays

8:30 am	H.E. Rite I
9:30 am	Sunday school
10:30 am	H.E. Rite II

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Coming Up

Lent will begin on February 26th with our Ash Wednesday observance. We will have two services that day at 12:15 and 5:30. But before we enter into the solemnity of Lent, we'll have a bit of fun at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This will be February 25th from 5:30 until 7:00. Come and join us for pancakes and sausage. The suggested donation is $5 a plate or $20 a family, but if that is a burden, don't let that stop you. Everyone is welcome regardless of whether someone can make a donation.

During the Wednesdays in Lent, we will continue our tradition of a Lenten series with worship and soup and salad. There will be a sign-up sheet for groups to volunteer to provide a simple meal each week. The evenings will begin at 5:15 in the chapel with a brief worship service. Then we'll eat and start the program by 6:15. We intend to finish up by 7:00 so choir members can make rehearsal. This year's theme will be Episcopal Identity. We will look at what makes us … us. Our history, our ecclesiology, our worship, our theology – all the things that make us Episcopalians. Well, not *all* of them. We only have five Wednesdays in Lent. But we'll cover what we can.

But that's all near the end of the month. The first Sunday of February is the 2nd, which in the secular world is Groundhog Day. In the Church, it is the Feast of the Presentation. This is when we observe the event recorded in Luke's gospel when Mary and Joseph took the forty-day-old Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to offer a sacrifice for his safe delivery. There, the Holy Family met Anna and Simeon. That story will be the subject of the gospel reading for that day. At the 10:30 service, we will open the rite with a special procession. February 2nd is also known as Candlemas because it is the traditional date when new candles used in the church for the coming year were blessed.

We use oil candles at St. James', so we won't be blessing any candles, but I wanted you to know about the name. I mentioned Groundhog Day earlier. Somehow an ancient (*continued on page 2)*

IN OUR CHURCH

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church tradition got transferred to a rodent, but there is a saying that predates Punxsutawney Phil and his ilk:

If Candlemas Day be fair and bright
Winter will have another fight.
If Candlemas Day brings cloud and rain,
Winter will not come again.

You can see the parallels with the rodent tradition. It is also tradition that any remaining Christmas decorations need to be put away before Candlemas, lest there be a death in the house during the coming year. Let's not take any chances.

Changing gears a bit, a parishioner has asked me about the possibility of having a women's silent retreat here at St. James'. I thought it was a wonderful idea, so February 29th from 8 AM – 11 AM we will be having a women's silent retreat. We will gather for Morning Prayer, then spend some time in thoughtful contemplation. There will be stations set up that offer opportunities for journaling, reading, drawing, praying, or just being, as the Spirit leads. This is the first Saturday in Lent, so I think it is a great opportunity to be intentional about answering the invitation offered on Ash Wednesday:

> I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. - BCP 265

Although to be honest, we'll have refreshments, so we'll ease into the fasting and self-denial aspects. Do rice cakes count?

Despite the often not so pleasant weather and the persisting illnesses some of us are experiencing, it is a wonderful time of year here at St. James'. I encourage you to be as active as you can in our parish life. Shake off the winter doldrums and bask in the warmth of the family of God.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+

It's time for Lent Madness Again! We have Saintly Scorecards for those who would like to participate. See Father Brandt after church on Sunday or come by the church office. Fill out your bracket and turn it in to the office along with $5.00 by Ash Wednesday. The winner gets to decide which charity gets the pot. Go to www.lentmadness.org for all the facts on this adventure through Lent.

There is a new Altar Flower list for 2020 on the hall bulletin board outside the office. Please sign up for a Sunday to remember or honor your loved ones.

Lift Up Your Hearts

Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi
193rd Annual Council • February 7-9, 2020 • Tupelo, MS

Father Brandt will be in Tupelo Feb. 7 – 9 for Annual Diocesan Council. If you have a pastoral emergency during this time, call the Jr. Warden or the church office.

Forward Day by Day **is a daily devotional for Episcopalians. The new edition for February, March, and April is out. You can find copies at the entrances to the church, the kitchen, and in the hall outside the office. Please help yourself. Large print editions are also in the hall.**

The ECW is an organization open to all women of St. James. The group meets for lunch on the second Tuesday of each month Sept. – May.

ECW supports the Global Scholarship Project with contributions which help provide annual scholarships to young students in Uganda and Panama.

The Next ECW Luncheon will be Feb. 11 @ noon. at Sherman's Restaurant.

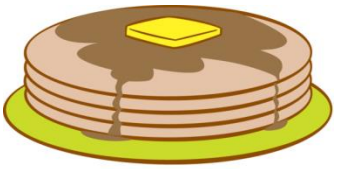
The Church office will be closed Feb. 17 for Presidents' Day

MEN of ST. JAMES

The Men of St. James will be breakfasting together again Thursday, Feb. 20, at 7:00 a.m. All men of the parish are encouraged to come enjoy fellowship and good food together before your work day begins. You are guaranteed to be to work on time, so come join us!

at St. James

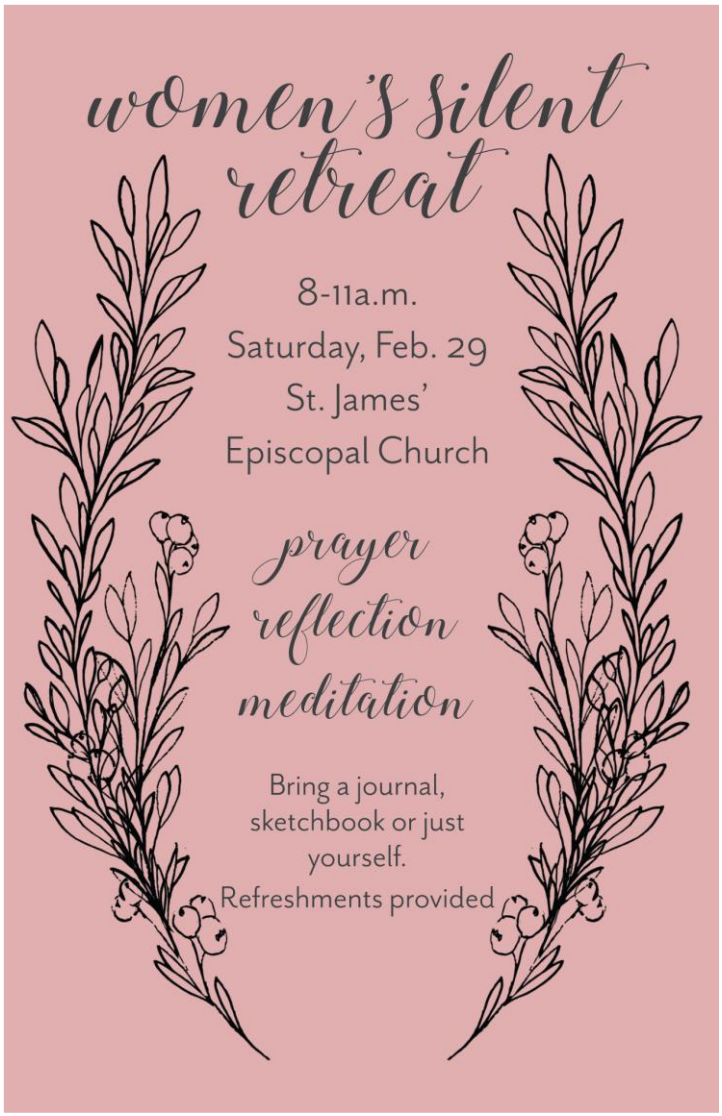
Tuesday, Feb. 25 – Shrove Tuesday
5:30 PM-- Pancake Supper
Wednesday, Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday
12:15 PM--HE & imposition of ashes
5:30 PM-- HE & imposition of ashes
Saturday, Feb 29 - 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Women's Silent Retreat
Wednesdays during Lent: (Mar 4-Apr. 1)
5:15 PM—worship/soup supper/ study



PANCAKE SUPPER

Join us for Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Feb. 25
($5.00 per person, $20.00 for family of 5 & up)

IN OUR CHURCH



We are so excited to bring to our community a Silent Women's Retreat.

Our event is a quiet time for prayer, meditation and reflection for women in our parish and other Delta parishes. We will have journal prompts, books, prayer stations and suggested readings; the church and its volunteers will also provide snacks and beverages.

The Silent Women's Retreat is from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 29.

Please contact Laura Smith at 931-3318 or lsmith@generals.ws if you'd like to provide snacks, loan or suggest devotional books or help in another capacity.

Thank you so much,

Laura Smith

Each Wednesday evening during Lent we will have worship and supper beginning at 5:15 pm. If you would like to help with a simple meal one evening, please sign up on the hall bulletin board.

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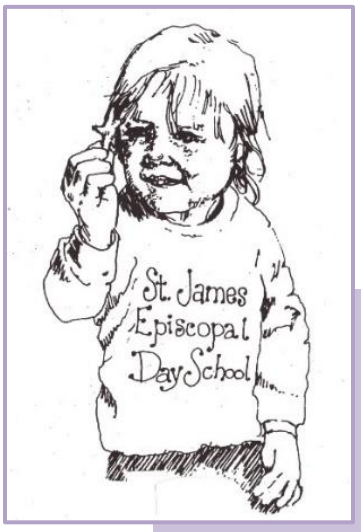

Priority Registration has begun for the 2020-21 school year. Current students and parishioners receive priority until March 6. Anyone interested in enrolling their children should contact the school office to receive an application.

The 10th Annual Giant Rummage Sale to benefit St. James Episcopal Day School will be held the third weekend of July.

It is not too early to start bringing your items for the sale. We have a container here on site to house your treasures until the sale so bring them on! Call the church office between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. and we can unlock the container for you.

Foster Parent Support Group

St. James' (and Annis' Children) regularly hosts Washington County's foster parent support group. Foster parents attend the meetings to acquire the required training hours needed to maintain their certification. Annis' Children volunteers provide childcare for the foster parent(s) biological and foster children while they attend the meeting. It is the third Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. until noon.

Spirit Tent Volunteers needed for the Mississippi River Marathon

The Mississippi River Marathon is right around the corner. St. James will host a spirit tent in the front yard of the church from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on February 8. All members are invited to cheer on the runners, especially needed are noise makers, cow bells, etc. We will have snacks and drinks. If you are unable to stay, maybe you could come at 8 a.m. and help set up the tent. If you can do any of these things please call the church office or Father Brandt. In years past we have had parishioners running the full and half marathon and they are truly glad to see & hear their church members cheering them on.

Mardi Gras Madness

Mardi Gras Madness to benefit Living Waters for the World will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Monday, February 24th, 2020. The shopping extravaganza including a boutique, homemade foods, pottery, & entertainment will be from 4- 7:30 pm. A silent auction will run from 4- 7 pm, and dinner featuring grillades, grits, and a New Orleans dessert will be served or prepared for take-out from 5- 7:30 pm. Dinner tickets are $15.00.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Mission Mississippi meets each Tuesday at 7AM

Feb 4: Washington County Extension, 148 N. Edison St.
Feb 11: Greater Hinds Street Baptist Church, 448 N. Hinds St.
Feb 18: St. Paul M. B. Church, 350 S. Poplar St.
Feb 25: New Hope Baptist Church, 705 Nelson St.

ANNIS' CHILDREN

A MINISTRY OF ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Annis' Children had their first Executive Committee meeting of 2020 on January 20. The committee reviewed the annual Christmas party for foster families and social workers. Eighty-three children received Christmas presents from Santa and Mrs. Claus at the party. The committee wants to thank all those persons who volunteered to make the party so special.

Also at the meeting, AC founding member and chair of the executive committee Emily Pieralisi announced her intent to step down as chair. Annis' Children would not be what it is today without Emily. The ministry is an important support for the child welfare system in Washington County due in no small part to Emily's work and dedication. Thank you Emily.

The committee has been able to discern through its work with the professionals at Child Protective Services that a major need in our community involves not only helping children already in the foster care system, but also working to prevent the need for their being in foster care at all. Not every child in foster care is there because of abuse or neglect. Sometimes, the parents just need help to provide the basics to make a home for their children. The biggest need tends to be beds for children.

To that end, Annis' Children has been able to provide beds for a number of children in the area identified as in need by CPS. George Baird has been instrumental in making the beds and putting together "kits" for their installation. How often do we take for granted the fact that at the end of a long day, we have a bed to sleep in. Many children in our community do not, but more of them do thanks to George and Annis' Children. This will continue to be an important part of the AC ministry in 2020. A donation of $5000 has been made to help fund this ministry in particular.

AC is planning a "shopping day" here at the parish in February for identified "prevention families," families that need a little help in order to keep their children in their homes. Working in partnership with the women of the Junior Auxiliary, cleaning supplies and clothing have been collected and will be made available to families social workers at CPS have identified as being in need.

The book of James teaches us "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress". (James 1:27a) Our parish can take pride in the work being done in our name through Annis' Children.

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Christmas Party

The 4th Annual CPS Christmas Party was another hit! The Annis' Children (AC) steering committee and I would like to extend our deepest thanks to the parishioners of St. James' Episcopal Church. Your support of this ministry and its projects is outstanding. In October of 2019, fundraising pamphlets were mailed to parishioners and community members/businesses with the goal of providing one gift for every child in foster care in Washington County. With your help, we were able to provide every child in foster children with a large gift bag where most bags had three or more gifts inside! This is the third year we've had great success in fundraising for the children's gifts; we thank each of you for supporting Annis' Children in loving our foster children. After all the wish lists were submitted and the gigantic shopping trip was complete, the gifts had to be wrapped. AC organized one wrapping party this year and we would like to thank the volunteers that helped wrap the gifts.

With the help of The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Greenville Italian Club, we fed the foster care community a delicious meal of homemade spaghetti and meatballs. Erinne Scott and her mother, Kenya Wells, donated four delicious cakes for dessert. AC gives thanks for these special volunteers and their enthusiasm they brought while serving our special guests. Annis' Children held a drawing for the social workers and foster parents in attendance; four $50 Sherman's gift cards were given to two very excited social workers and two very excited foster parents. The choir room was once again transformed into the North Pole and Santa and Mrs. Claus made their grand entrance. They helped distribute the children's gifts from the Annis' Children Ministry. Special guests in attendance were Judge Vernita King Johnson, County and Youth Court Judge, the Greenville Fire Department, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Greenville Italian Club, the social workers of the Washington County Child Protective Services Office, foster parents of Washington County, and many of the foster children in care in Washington County.

Upcoming Events

February 15 - Foster Parent Support Group

March is **Social Worker Appreciation Month**. Stay tuned for ways to get involved in loving our local CPS workers and staff.

March 21 - Foster Parent Support Group

March 2020 - Empower to Connect Conference

April is **Child Abuse Awareness Month**. We will tie ribbons in our trees this year and hang our banner. We are planning a new pinwheel project. Stay tuned for more information.

April 18 - Foster Parent Support Group

May is **Foster Care Awareness Month.** Stay tuned for more information.

May 16 - Foster Parent Support Group

March 4 - March 8, 2020

Gray Center invites you to join us for our Spring quilting retreat with China Pettway and Mary Ann Pettway of the Gee's Bend Quilting Collective. China and Mary Ann will share their unique quilting styles as participants explore the work of their hands and the spirituality of quilting.

Happening Reunion #91 • March 6-8, 2020 •
St. Columb's Episcopal Church • Ridgeland, MS

Who? Happening Reunion is a weekend for those who have already attended Happening. Happening Reunion is open to participants of any age. The weekend is limited in size in order to most effectively serve the Happeners throughout the weekend. Staff members serve as musicians, speakers, and chaperones.

What? Happening Reunion has a more relaxed atmosphere that allows former Happeners to gather together for an opportunity to share in the servant ministry of Happening and to further explore their journey of faith in Jesus Christ. Reunion participants also learn to discover and share their talents as they serve the Happening weekend behind the scenes. There is time to work, listen, reflect, discuss, and of course, play.

How? Reunion participants and staff are housed and fed at a host parish near the location of the Happening host parish.

Happening #91 • March 6-8, 2020 •
St. James' 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.

Go to dioms.org and click on events to get more information or to register for these events.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

For parishioners: Ernest Stone, Bill Andrews, Larry Wade, Dylan Williams, Jean Nimrod, Joe McLaurin, David K. Lee, David H. Lee, Haley Holbrook, Dudley Stewart, Sandy Welsh, Susan Sutherland, Linda Owens, Shirley Mitchell, Elizabeth Smith.

For friends and family: Hodding Carter III, Susan Ridgeway, Linda Fratesi, Roberta Loughran Mathieu, Elizabeth Noble England, Charles Bass, William Henry Mullins, Bucky Lott, Jeannie & Milton Edwards, Nick Tominello, Janie Nichols Burke, Doe Signa, Donald Dick, Jeffrey Hyde, Tripp Malouf, Puddin Moore, Becky Matthews, Ruth Ann Young, Judy Harland, Barbara Polson, Doug McIntire, Linda Dismuke, Patricia Davis, Dee Dee Holloway, Linda Hamilton, Andy Von Antz, Mary Ann Griffin, Liza Richardson, Julia Reed, Daisy Walsh, Katherine Adams, Edwynne Love, Terry Burford

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

For expectant couples: Meg & Michael Naaman

February BIRTHDAYS

Betsy Bostic	2/02
Dorothy Jordan	2/02
Betsy Alexander	2/03
Betty Fullilove	2/03
Leila Wynn	2/04
Patrick Bolls	2/05
Christie Owens	2/06
Paxton Nimrod	2/08
Peter Nimrod	2/09
Susan O'Neal	2/11
Andrew Tominello	2/14
Hal Holbrook	2/16
Brad Jones	2/17
Will Ayres, Jr.	2/19
Thorne Crosby	2/23
Sharon Gault	2/24
Allyn Roulhac	2/25
Caroline Horn	2/26
Brad Buchberger	2/28

February ANNIVERSARIES

Laura & Faris Buchberger	2/06
Ginny & David Cochran	2/08
Debi & Bobby Hendrix	2/09
Susan & Jimmy Sutherland	2/14
Cyndi & John Ross Underwood	2/14
Brister & David Lee	2/19
Mary Lynn & Bill Andrews	2/22
Libba & Bill Burle, Jr.,	2/26

We welcome into Christ's flock
Isabella Marie McGee,
Jacob Kevin Dick,
&
Evelyn Ruth Dick
who received
the Sacrament of Baptism
January 12.

Births & Adoptions

We give thanks for the birth of
Jacqueline Dyer Tucker
&
William Wood Tucker
born December 16 to
Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Tucker
Proud grandparents are
Melanie & Craig Tucker

We give thanks for the
January 8 adoption of
Jacob Kevin Dick
&
Evelyn Ruth Dick
By Erica and Brandt Dick

We give thanks for the birth of
Beverly Elizabeth Egger
Born January 4 to
Shea & Ed Egger
Proud grandparents are
Ann & Ed Egger

Check us out
on facebook

Weddings

Adele Rittman Lee
&
Casey Joe Venable
December 21

SERVICE MINISTRIES

Service Ministries for Sunday, Feb 2
8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ann Macvaugh
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: John Daniels
Ushers: Brad Jones, Todd Lane
Altar Guild: Renfroe team
Vestry Assignment: Lynn Schaffarzick, Bee Stewart

Service Ministries for Sunday, Feb 9 Morning Prayer Annual Council
8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
Lector: Ruby Edwards
Ushers: Bill Schaffarzick, Peter Nimrod
Altar Guild: Baird Team
Vestry Assignment: Susan Sutherland, Martha Weissinger

Service Ministries for Sunday, Feb 16
8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Finley Edwards
Lector: Erica Dick
Ushers: William Owens, David Cochran
Altar Guild: Mitchell Team
Vestry Assignment: Brad Jones, Sonya Bixler

Service Ministries for Sunday, Feb 23
8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ann Macvaugh
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Lee Engel
Ushers: Ralph Owens, David Skelton
Altar Guild: Egger Team
Vestry Assignment: Finley Edwards, Leigh Harris

Service Ministries for Ash Wednesday, Feb 26
12:00 PM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Curt Lacy
Lector: Deanna Harper
5:30 PM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Curt Lacy

Revenue & Expenses YTD 2019

Total Revenue	$378,368.40
Total Expenses	$367,408.60
Net Total	$10,959.80

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 8	Spirit Tent of MS Marathon 8:30 am – 2:30 pm
Feb. 11	ECW Luncheon @ Sherman's Restaurant @ 12:00 noon
Feb. 13	Foster Parent Night Out 5-7 pm
Feb. 15	Foster Parent Support Group 10:00 am - Noon
Feb 17	Office closed for Presidents Day
Feb 17	CPS meeting @ 5:30 pm
Feb 20	Men's Breakfast @ 7:00 am
Feb 25	Pancake Supper 5:30-7 pm
Feb 26	H.E. II & Imposition of Ashes @ Noon & 5:30 pm
Feb 29	Women's Silent Retreat 8-11 am

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 April 11, Easter Vigil, May 31, Pentecost and Nov 1, All Saints' Day. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.

Deadline for articles for the next *Wayfarer* is Feb. 20

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 **10:00 AM A.A. mtg**
2 **8:30 AM** H.E. Rite I **9 AM** Choir **9:30 AM** Sunday School **10:30 AM** H.E. Rite II	3 **12:00 PM** Pastoral Care Cmte **3:30 PM** Harvest **6:00 PM** Al Anon	4 **7 AM** Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ TBA	5 **8:30 AM** Day School Chapel **10:30 AM** Bible Study **6:15 PM** Choir	6	7 **Annual Council in Tupelo**	8 **8:30 AM – 2:30 PM Spirit Tent for MS marathon** **10:00 AM A.A. mtg**
9 **8:30 AM** M.P. Rite I **9 AM** Choir **9:30 AM** Sunday School **10:30 AM** M.P. Rite II **Annual Council in Tupelo**	10 **3:30 PM** Harvest **6:00 PM** Al Anon	11 **7 AM** Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ Greater Hinds Street Baptist Church **10:00 AM** Worship Cmte **12:00 PM: ECW @ Sherman's**	12 **8:30 AM** Day School Chapel **10:30 AM** Bible Study **6:15 PM** Choir	13 **5 - 7 PM Foster Parent Night Out**	14 Clergy Sabbath	15 **10:00 AM A.A. mtg** **10:00 AM – Noon Foster Parent Support Group**
16 **8:30 AM** H.E. Rite I **9 AM** Choir **9:30 AM** Sunday School **10:30 AM** H.E. Rite II	17 **Office Closed for Presidents' Day** **5:30 PM** CPS Mtg. **6:00 PM** Al Anon	18 **7 AM** Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ St. Paul M. B. Church **5:30 PM:** Vestry	19 **8:30 AM** Day School Chapel **10:30 AM** Bible Study **6:15 PM** Choir	20 **7:00 AM Men of St. James**	21 Clergy Sabbath	22 **10:00 AM A.A. mtg**
23 **8:30 AM** H.E. Rite I **9 AM** Choir **9:30 AM** Sunday School **10:30 AM** H.E. Rite II	24 **3:30 PM** Harvest **6:00 PM** Al Anon	25 **7 AM** Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ New Hope Baptist Church **5:30 -7:00PM: Pancake Supper**	26 **8:30 AM** Day School Chapel **10:30 AM** Bible Study **12:15 PM Ash Wed. Service** **5:30 PM Ash Wed. Service** **6:15 PM** Choir	27	28 Clergy Sabbath	29 **8:00 AM – 11:00 AM Women's Silent Retreat** **10:00 AM A.A. mtg**