

THE WAYFARER

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COMING SOON



HOLY WEEK

All events for Holy Week and Easter are cancelled at this time. See Father Brandt's article for details

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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Love in the Time of Corona

The novel *Love in the Time of Cholera* keeps coming to mind. I wonder if anyone will write *Love in the Time of Covid-19*? It doesn't have quite the same ring to it. *Love in the Time of Corona* perhaps flows better, but it would be mistaken for a book about last call at some bar. I have heard that there is a curse "May you live in interesting times." I don't know about being cursed, but we are definitely living in interesting times. We are having to learn new ways to do just about everything we do: shopping, dining, going to the doctor, even how we do church.

The one thing that I would encourage folks to remember is that the building at 1026 S. Washington is not the church – it is where the church meets. The people are the church. Social distancing is particularly difficult for Episcopalians because so much of our identity is tied up in our corporate worship. We will continue to have video streaming of the Holy Eucharist at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. It'll go out live on Facebook and then I will post it to YouTube after that. It may be that I can live-stream on YouTube. We are learning all kinds of new and interesting things these days.

Bishop Seage has ordered that the diocesan office move to a "work-from-home" configuration, and the daycare where my kids go is closing for the virus. That being the case, Betsy and I will be telecommuting as well. We will be in on a regular basis to check the answering machine. Payroll and bill paying will still be going on. Email will get through (fatherbrandt@gmail.com or betsy@stjamesgreenville.com). I am also available via cell phone (601-807-7571). There are so many ways that we can stay connected. I have been sending out weekly "mini-newsletters" via email. If you have not been getting these, shoot me an email and I'll add you to the list. Feel free to share our YouTube and Facebook sites with others. Now more than ever it is important to realize that the Episcopal Church is just part of the "one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church," and everyone is welcome to share in what we have to offer.

As I write this, Betsy is working on a service sheet for this Sunday. It'll have the readings as usual but also the hymns that we will be using. The plan is to email this out as a PDF that you can use during the service. And if all this technology is leaving you in a fog, (*continued on page 2*)

IN OUR CHURCH

(continued from page 1) please feel free to contact me, and I will do my best to talk you through it. As I said, we are all learning new ways to do things.

We are part of a world-altering event. We don't always realize when that happens. Smart phones, for example, have completely changed our world, but it happened kind of gradually. With this pandemic, we know it is going on. Things will be changed forever by what we are experiencing now. But that has always been true, we just weren't always aware of it. And grief is often a part of change. I felt myself experiencing grief after Erica made a grocery run and told me she could only find about half the stuff she went after. I was struck by a profound sense of loss. I hope that empty grocery shelves is a passing thing, that we will adjust and things will be more like we've been used to. But this is different from other times when things like this have happened. Ice storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods – these natural disasters do their damage and then we rebuild. But they also seem much more ... defined? When the winds dies down, when the water recedes, we know it's over and we start to clean up and to rebuild. Nothing is physically damaged in a pandemic – we know how to deal with physical damage – but our lives are changed. Riding out a pandemic is certainly more comfortable than riding out a hurricane: the power is on, the TV works. But it is also less well defined.

So what do we do? Two things, I'd say: What we've always done and what we've never done. We've always loved one another, cared for one another, looked out for one another. Keep doing that. Dig out your parish directory and call someone. If you need a copy, Betsy will be happy to email you one or I'll bring one by. Pray for one another. Tune in to virtual services, ours and others. This is a great time to see how others do things and maybe get some ideas to make our worship better. And if you've never been on YouTube or other on-line resources, now is the time to try it out. But don't get too used to going to church in your pajamas. We will gather again corporately as the Body of Christ. We will hug with wild abandon. We will worship our God together and celebrate all the gifts that God has given us. Because no matter how much changes, some things never will. The love of God never changes. And nothing can separate us from that love.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+

The Church office will be working from home for the time being. Betsy will be here briefly each morning to pay bills, check the mail, etc. You are welcome to mail your pledges in until services resume. If you would like to have your pledge drafted, e-mail betsy@stjamesgreenville.com and we can make that happen for you. Those who already draft need not do anything. It is taken care of.

Revenue & Expenses Feb 2020

Total Revenue	\$21,548.67
Total Expenses	\$31,995.50
Net Total	-\$10,446.83



Deadline for articles for the next *Wayfarer* is Apr. 21



The ECW Luncheon will not meet again until the fall.

**MEN of
ST. JAMES**

The Men of St. James will not meet again until the fall.



Changing Mississippi
One Relationship at a Time

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

Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfasts are cancelled through this month. We will update you when they start to meet again.



**Day School
Rummage Sale**

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

If you can hold your items at home right now, we would appreciate it. We hope to be back to normal soon.



The following disbursements were made from the 2019 Bazaar proceeds for Outreach:

Bratton Green Special Camps.....	\$7,500.00
Camp Looking Glass.....	\$3,000.00
Delta Cotton Belles.....	\$1,500.00
Honduras Medical Mission	\$1,000.00
Greater Greenville Habitat.....	\$1,000.00
Arms of Mercy.....	\$1,000.00
YMCA Scholarship Fund.....	\$1,000.00
Hearty Helpings Food Panty.....	\$1,000.00
Greenville Renaissance Scholars	\$1,000.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$500.00
Boys & Girls Club	\$500.00
TOTAL	\$19,000.00

Go to dioms.org and click on events to get more information.

Spring ECW Conference has been postponed due to the coronavirus outbreak.



Gray Center

Camps & Conferences

1530 Way Road
Canton, MS 39046
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WWW.GRAYCENTER.ORG

COVID-19 Update

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Following consultation with Bishop Seage, Gray Center Camps and Conferences is now temporarily closed until further notice because of health guidelines for social interactions due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

With the information from health officials changing rapidly, we have decided the safety and health of our guests and staff are the top priority. With this in mind, both the north and south campuses are closed to all visitors and traffic.

This decision was not made lightly. We are grateful to the resilient Gray Center community for support, caring and compassion in working with us to manage rescheduling. Staff are still available by email.

Rescheduling, Refunds and How You Can Help

Many groups scheduled to come to Gray Center for conferences during the next few weeks or groups scheduled to be at the Camp Bratton-Green for the remainder of the Spring semester have cancelled. Guests who have scheduled to attend conferences through the middle of April, should check in with their conference coordinator concerning rescheduling and refunds.

The financial impact that the loss of income will have on Gray Center is tremendous. Please consider converting your fees to a charitable contribution in order to help us get through this difficult time. You may also make a gift on-line: <https://www.graycenter.org/giving/>.

We will continue to closely monitor this situation and put in place necessary measures. We are working with local authorities and the CDC. Further, our insurance carriers are collaborating with camps and conference centers to ensure the health and safety of our staff and the guests we serve

OUR PARISH FAMILY



For parishioners: 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: Ronnie Vaughn, Janis & Rodger Carmichael, Bill Boykin, River Williamson, Evelyn & Louis Turcotte, Maura Bridges, Harrison Barnes, Roy Meeks, Hodding Carter III, Linda Fratesi, Elizabeth Noble England, Charles Bass, William Henry Mullins, Bucky Lott, Jeannie & Milton Edwards, Nick Tominello, Janie Nichols Burke, Doe Signa, Jeffrey Hyde, Tripp Malouf, Puddin Moore, Becky Matthews, Judy Harland, Barbara Polson, Linda Dismuke, Patricia Davis, Dee Dee Holloway, Linda Hamilton, Andy Von Antz, Liza Richardson, Julia Reed, Katherine Adams, Edwynne Love, Terry Burford

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Nathan Thomas, 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



Taylor Cottingham	4/03	Searcy Cunningham	4/23
Lea Margaret Hamilton	4/03	Gary Hines	4/25
Holly Wade	4/03	Eva Wade	4/27
Debbie Blanks	4/04	Craig Karlson	4/30
Austin Frye	4/04		
Robin Wells	4/04		
Ralph Owens, Jr.	4/09		
Mike Boyd	4/10		
Mary Paul McDowell	4/10		
LaMarr Winn	4/12		
James Avis III	4/13		
David H. Lee	4/19		
Faris Buchberger	4/20		
Vance Nimrod	4/21		

Robin & Greg Wells	4/12
Amanda & Carl Cottingham	4/21
Elise & Jimmy Lee, Jr.	4/21
Katie & Billy Elliott	4/23
Margaret & Larry Wade	4/23



SERVICE MINISTRIES

At this time all in-person church services are cancelled until further notice. Father Brandt will live stream services on Sundays at 10:30 am on facebook

Service Ministries for Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe

Service Ministries for April 9, Maundy Thursday
6:00 PM Worship Leader: Ann Macvaugh

Service Ministries for April 10, Good Friday
Noon Worship Leader: Jim Martin

Service Ministries for Sunday, April 12
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe

Service Ministries for Sunday, April 19
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ann Macvaugh





Service Ministries for Sunday, April 26
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines

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

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

APRIL 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3 Clergy Sabbath	4 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
5  Palm Sunday 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II Live stream	6 6:00 PM Al Anon	7	8	9  Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM H.E. Rite II, Stripping Altar Live stream	10  Good Friday 12:00 Noon Liturgy of Good Friday Live stream	11 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
12  Easter Sunday 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II Live stream	13 Office Closed 6:00 PM Al Anon	14	15	16	17 Clergy Sabbath	18 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
19 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II Live stream	20 6:00 PM Al Anon	21 5:30 PM: Vestry	22	23	24 Clergy Sabbath	25 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
26 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II Live stream	27 6:00 PM Al Anon	28	29	30	1	2