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THE WAYFARER

A PUBLICATION OF ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

8:30 am H.E. Rite I
In-person limited to 50

10:30 am H. E. Rite II
In-person limited to 50
Livestreamed on Facebook

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A Year of Jubilee

That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you: you shall not sow, or reap the aftergrowth, or harvest the unpruned vines. For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy to you: you shall eat only what the field itself produces. (Leviticus 25:11-12)

As the Israelites were preparing to enter the Promised Land, the LORD gave them some rules to follow regarding how they were to use the land. Ultimately, the rules were about remembering that God owned the land and not the people. They were to take a sabbath year every seven years, just like they were to take a sabbath day every seventh day. After a sabbath of sabbaths (forty-nine years), they would have a Jubilee year. Everything would reset. And no one would have to do the backbreaking work of ancient farming.

We might well wonder how people could afford to take a year off. God promised that the year before a sabbath year, God would provide enough surplus to cover the year of rest. Of course, they would have to trust that God would keep this promise and act accordingly. In the end, there is no record of the Hebrews actually keeping either the sabbath years or the years of Jubilee.

Because of the COVID pandemic, we have had kind of sabbath year forces upon us. For some, it hasn't been too dramatic a change. For others, it has been life altering. Things have certainly been different around St. James'. This is the first summer I've been here that hasn't been dominated by the Day School rummage sale. This will be the first time in, as near as we can figure, a century that some form of Harvest Bazaar won't take place. Grief is a natural and understandable response to long-held traditions being disrupted. Some may mourn the lack of these and other events in the life of our parish.

But we can also choose to see this as an opportunity for a jubilee. As much as the leaders who organize things like the rummage sale or bazaar enjoy doing the hard work it takes, I imagine there is at least a little relief in not having that pressure for one year. We can lament the disruption to cherished traditions, and we can relish the (*continued on page 2*)

IN OUR CHURCH

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time of rest.

As far as I have any control over matters, I intend for this year to be a hiatus of some things and not an ending. We will have the rummage sale resume in due course. We will do the hard and very rewarding work of putting on the Harvest Bazaar. We cannot control so much of what goes on in the world, but we can control how we respond to it. I choose to see the current circumstances as opportunities; opportunities to do new things and try new ways. Sometimes it is good to be pushed out of our comfort zones, but is always better to make that move with the love and support of our community.

These are uncertain times, which makes the certainty of God's love even more apparent. In the same way that a small candle shines brightest in a dark room, God's love shines brightest in a dark world. And we are empowered to carry that light, to show God's love, by virtue of our baptism into Christ's body, the Church, and through the power of the Holy Spirit. What can overcome all of that?

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+

FORWARD DAY *by* DAY

The Forwards for Aug, Sept, Oct are now available under the breezeway at the kitchen. Please help yourself to a copy.



St. James is live streaming each Sunday at 10:30 am. Log onto Facebook to see the service. We are also putting them up on youtube so you can see them at any time there as well.

Both of these links are on our website:
www.stjamesgreenville.com.



Our outdoor service will continue @ 8:30 am each Sunday.
Limited to 50 people.
Sign up online to participate
Wear a mask.
Bring a prayer book and a lawn chair.



We are having indoor worship again at 10:30 am each Sunday. Limited to 50 people. You must sign up online to participate and wear a mask. Everything you need is printed in the service sheet so no need to bring a prayer book or hymnal.



**The Blessing of the Pets
will be
Sunday, October 4
at 4:00 pm
in the Courtyard chapel.**

Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier and yourself in a mask. The plate offering at this service will go to Area Rescue and Relief Fellowship (ARRF) and we will be collecting supplies for the Greenville Humane Shelter. Their greatest need is cat and dog food. They can also use cat litter, Clorox and Pine Sol. Bring your pet to be blessed and be a blessing to a less fortunate animal as well.

Revenue & Expenses Aug 2020

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| Total Revenue | \$22,571.67 |
| Total Expenses | \$24,696.84 |
| Net Total | (\$2,125.17) |



The Junior Auxiliary of Greenville is "Spreading the Warmth" by sponsoring a Blanket and Coat Drive from Oct. 1- Dec. 1. We are asking for your help through contributions of new or used coats, jackets, and blankets. We need coats of all sizes, especially those in children and teen sizes. We thank you for helping us *Spread the Warmth* and keep others warm this winter. There is a collection box located in the kitchen. Thank you!

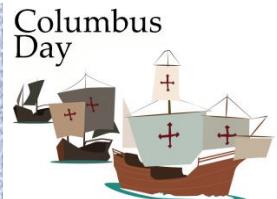


When you shop, use smile.amazon.com and select St. James Episcopal Church and Day School and amazon will donate money to Annis' Children.



Did you know the Day School has an account at Corner Closet? Since they were not able to have the rummage sale, this is a great way to support the school. Take your unwanted fall and winter clothes to Corner Closet and tell them to put them on the St. James Day School Account.

The Church office will be closed Oct. 12 for Columbus Day. We will be back in the office 8:00 am Tues., Oct 13.





After careful consideration, the Bazaar Steering Committee believes there is not a safe way to put on the bazaar this year with Covid-19 restrictions. We will take this extraordinary year off from this endeavor and come back strong in 2021.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting is Nov 15

The Annual Parish Meeting has been set for Nov 15 immediately following church. **There will be one service only at 10:30 a.m.**

It is time for vestry nominations. We will be electing 3 vestry members and a senior warden.

These are the guidelines for a vestry member at St. James:

A vestry person is:

1. a confirmed communicant of St. James' for at least one year
2. faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God
3. regular in worship and active in parish activities
4. present at all vestry meetings except in the case of emergencies
5. at least 21 years old
6. has not served on the vestry for at least one year

Vestry members and wardens whose terms are ending are: Betsy Alexander, Bill Burle, and Martha Weissinger. We thank them for their faithful service to St. James. They will form the election committee for this year's election.

There are a couple of ways you may nominate someone for Vestry:

1. You may call a member of the election committee. Remember, **you must have that person's permission in order to nominate them.**
2. You may e-mail betsy@stjamesgreenville.com with your nomination.
3. You may nominate yourself by either means listed above.

We require a brief biographical sketch of your nominee to include in the printed material for the meeting.



The Executive Committee of Annis' Children met most recently on July 8 and September 21. Many aspects of the ministry have been placed on hold due to COVID 19. Below you will find an update for each of our ministry areas.

Support Group - We have not met due to social distancing guidelines.

Social Worker Appreciation - The Washington County CPS workers remain working from home. Because of this, we have not had the opportunity to provide "goodies" for them, but we did provide them with a 5 gallon bucket of hand sanitizer and face masks when the pandemic began. Recently, we provided them with additional masks honoring social workers.

Care Closet - We receive a fairly regular amount of requests for clothing, toiletries, beds, and bedding that are needed by families who are trying to remain together. We supplied backpacks with school supplies to 60 children in August. We have waited on supplying uniforms due to the virtual learning in the local schools, but we do plan to provide them when schools reopen.

Christmas Party - We are not planning to have an in person Christmas party this year due to social distancing requirements, however, we still plan to provide Christmas presents to the foster children of Washington county. We are also planning on providing Christmas bags to our in-home (prevention) families this year. These are the families that have an open CPS case, but the children have not been removed from the home. We are still in the planning stages for Christmas. More details will follow.

Annis' Children is not planning to send letters out asking for donations this year. We know that this year has been trying for all families and businesses. That being said, we will gladly accept any donations that anyone wishes to gift to us.

Whom do you wish to remember on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 1?

All Saints Sunday is a traditional time in our church for remembering the total communion of saints and the corporate realization of salvation in that heavenly country "where there shall be no more mourning nor crying nor pain any more (Rev. 21:4)."

The Feast of All Saints, one of the seven principle feast days of the church year, is believed to have originated in the British Isles and therefore is characteristically Anglican. In most Episcopal Churches, the names of those who have died within the last year are read aloud during the liturgy by the celebrant, as well as the names of other saints (loved ones) submitted by members of the congregation, regardless of the date of their deaths.

If you would like to remember the faithful departed this All Saints Sunday, call the Church Office, 334-4582, or email betsy@stjamesgreenville.com to add names to the list.

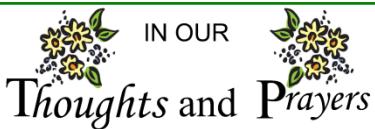
Next Dates for Baptisms

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist at the chief service on a Sunday. Due to Covid-19 this is not possible. Instead you may schedule a private baptism. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.



Bishop Seage will be with us Nov 8 for his annual visit. There will be one service only that day at 10:30 am.

OUR PARISH FAMILY



For parishioners: Dotti Lowe, Dudley Stewart, Muriel Bolls, John Grayson Edwards, Mike Bostic, Leila Wynn, Larry Wade, Jean Nimrod, Joe McLaurin, David K. Lee, David H. Lee, Haley Holbrook, Sandy Welsh, Susan Sutherland, Linda Owens, Shirley Mitchell, Elizabeth Smith.

For friends and family: Becky Serio, Andrew Ellis, Cynthia Azamat, Christopher Lowry, Cindy Steele, Helen Henson, Carol Chandler, Becky & Danny Matthews, Patsy & Milton Wallace, Ronnie Vaughn, Louis Turcotte, Linda Fratesi, Elizabeth Noble England, Bucky Lott, Jeannie & Milton Edwards, Janie Nichols Burke, Puddin Moore, Linda Hamilton, Andy Von Antz, Katherine Adams, Terry Burford, 1 anonymous

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.



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| Charlene Louwerens | 10/01 |
| Linda Lowry | 10/01 |
| Muriel Suares | 10/01 |
| Mary Ayres | 10/03 |
| Paula Kronfol | 10/03 |
| James Sandidge | 10/06 |
| Adele Venable | 10/08 |
| Haley Holbrook | 10/09 |
| Lisa Percy | 10/09 |
| Nick Ellison | 10/10 |
| Warren Hammett. Jr. | 10/11 |
| Tommy Mills | 10/12 |
| Hal Winn | 10/15 |
| John Grayson Edwards | 10/16 |
| Hank Burdine | 10/21 |
| David Skelton | 10/22 |
| Hyde Weissinger, IV | 10/23 |
| Todd Lane | 10/24 |
| Joe McLaurin | 10/24 |
| Catherine Owens | 10/26 |
| Val Pieralisi | 10/26 |
| Bill Schaffarzick | 10/26 |
| Fisher Weissinger | 10/28 |
| Cristy Stone | 10/29 |
| Allison Nimrod | 10/30 |
| Debi Hendrix | 10/31 |



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| Elizabeth & Brad Jones | 10/17 |
| Jan & Lee Engel | 10/20 |
| Leigh & Noel Harris | 10/27 |



We welcome into Christ's flock

Mallie Louise McGee
who was baptized
September 19



**Don't forget
to fall back
October 31!!**



We pray for
the repose of the soul of
Bill Nye
who died August 16



Deadline for articles
for the next
Wayfarer is Oct. 23

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct. 4 Pet Blessing outdoors 4:00 pm
- Oct. 12 Office closed for Columbus Day
- Oct. 19 CPS meeting 5:30 pm
- Oct 23 Deadline for Nov. *Wayfarer* articles
- Oct 31 DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!!

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

OCTOBER 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I In-person - outdoors 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II In-person + Live stream 4:00 PM Pet Blessing outdoors | 28 6:00 PM Al Anon | 29 6:00 PM Al Anon | 30 8:30 AM Day School Chapel | 1 8:30 AM Day School Chapel | 2 10:00 AM A.A. mtg | 3 10:00 AM A.A. mtg |
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| 11 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I In-person - outdoors 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II In-person + Live stream | 12 OFFICE CLOSED FOR Columbus Day  6:00 PM Al Anon | 13 6:00 PM Al Anon | 14 8:30 AM Day School Chapel | 15 8:30 AM Day School Chapel | 16 10:00 AM A.A. mtg | 17 10:00 AM A.A. mtg |
| 18 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I In-person - outdoors 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II In-person + Live stream | 19 5:30 PM CPS meeting 6:00 PM Al Anon | 20 5:30 PM Vestry | 21 8:30 AM Day School Chapel | 22 8:30 AM Day School Chapel | 23 10:00 AM A.A. mtg | 24 10:00 AM A.A. mtg |
| 25 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I In-person - outdoors 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II In-person + Live stream | 26 6:00 PM Al Anon | 27 6:00 PM Al Anon | 28 8:30 AM Day School Chapel | 29 8:30 AM Day School Chapel | 30 10:00 AM A.A. mtg | 31  |