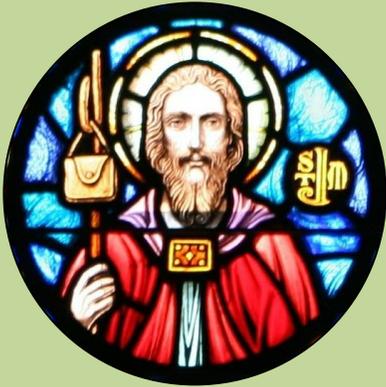


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THE WAYFARER

A PUBLICATION OF ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays

10:30 am H. E. Rite II
Livestreamed on Facebook

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Views from the Plague House

As I write this, I am on day eight of my Covid-19 adventure. Since testing positive on the 15th, I have taken all kinds of pills and received an intravenous dose of monoclonal antibodies. While receiving the infusion, the doctor decided that I needed to get a chest CT because of my age and previous medical history. There was some occlusion in my lung, so the doctor prescribed some additional medications. Now I am waiting to see if this will be no big deal or if I will end up in the hospital. There is a wide range on the outcomes. Of course, by the time you read this, whatever will happen will have happened. I am not particularly worried, but I am also very good at compartmentalizing things.

The thing is, there is so much uncertainty and confusion about Covid and its ramifications. Modern medicine, by and large, is so good that we forget that it is as much art as science. We are fearfully and wondrously made, and we humans do not know everything there is to know about how our bodies work. Most of the time, doctors and other health professionals know enough about conditions that they are confident in prescribing medicines and other treatments. But we are but human. Mistakes are made and there is a veil of uncertainty. Some medicines just don't work with some people and other things have to be tried.

We want to think that most things are cut and dried, that effect follows from cause. That tends to be true in the aggregate, but not in the particular. Populations tend to behave in particular ways, but individuals do not. It is as true of human beings as it is of gas molecules. We can tell with some degree of certainty what will happen on the large scale, but the closer we look, the more chaotic it is.

In the case of Covid, we just don't know enough to be particularly confident or fearful. In some cases it is no big deal while in others it is deadly and there isn't enough data to make predictions of any particular worth. It is all individuals and not populations. It is the uncertainty that plagues us. Covid is a disease that may be nothing or it may be everything and there is no way to tell which it is even if you have it. And so better not to get it.

Vaccines are being made available, and I would *(continued on page 2)*

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encourage anyone eligible to receive one to seriously consider getting it. In the mean time, our best defense in wearing masks, washing our hands, and avoiding contact. It just isn't safe to gather together. I know that in the context of corporate worship that is particularly burdensome for many. I love and treasure that gathering together at St. James' to worship God with each other is so important to so many people. It is a big part of what makes being your priest so rewarding and fulfilling for me. And so I am glad that we will be able to resume in-person worship with appropriate precautions.

I look forward to the day that we do not have to think about exposure and transmission and quarantine. I really do hope that this is a truly "once in a century" event. Maybe we got it out of the way and can move one. Until then, we will worship when and how we can with the greatest safety we can provide, and we will trust in God to see us through.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+

Lent



at St. James

At this point, I am not quite sure how Lent will look this year. The bishop has allowed for in-person services, so we will have some form of Ash Wednesday service. Unless something changes, we will continue our tradition of a 12:15 service and a 5:30 one. As for a Lenten program, at this point I think it will need to take the form of a Zoom offering. I have not yet decided on a theme for it, but I will get that information out as soon as I can.

– Fr. Brandt

FORWARD DAY by DAY

The Forwards for Feb, Mar & Apr are now available under the breezeway at the kitchen. Please help yourself to a copy.



Presidents' Day

The Church office will be closed Feb. 15 for Presidents' Day

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.



There is a new Altar Flower list for 2021 on the hall bulletin board outside the office. Please sign up for a Sunday to remember or honor your loved ones. If you don't want to come inside, you are welcome to call the church office to sign up for a Sunday.

The Executive Committee of Annis' Children has been unable to meet in 2021 due to COVID and its never-ending need for quarantining and social distancing. Despite not being able to have an in-person Christmas party in 2020, we were able to provide some Christmas joy to families in our community. We provided 67 foster children with gifts from their wish lists. Over the past few years, we have come to realize that the In-Home families (Families that have a case open in the CPS system, but the children have not been removed) are in need of the most support from our ministry. This year we included them in our Christmas offerings. We provided 23 families containing 76 total children with four large shopping bags that contained paper products, household items, and Christmas snacks all thanks to our partnership with our local Junior Auxiliary as well as a small gift for each child in the home, a family game, and a Wal-mart gift card. The gifts were picked up by the social workers on a Friday afternoon. Thanks to the hard work and organization of Marsha Baird and her team, the distribution was painless and joyful.

While our focus is the children and families associated with our local CPS office, we also gave each of our CPS staff a gift bag containing an insulated cup, a gift from a local boutique along with a letter of appreciation. Their tireless and faithful work on behalf of these families often goes unnoticed. One social worker wrote after receiving our gift, "St. James' adopting our agency was such a blessing. Not only for the wonderful things your congregation does for the youth in our community but for the social workers as well. There are many days that pass by that our agency is not recognized for our work. It's not that we feel we deserve gifts ... it's the subtle recognition of the challenges that we face daily that motivates me the most." Barbara Wright-King, a local supervisor wrote, "As I attempted to pick up my gift, I notice a white letter. I read the warm words which brought tears of joy. It was so nice to read such words of encouragement. Thanks to you and your church family for the love shown to all of us but personally to ME. Thanks for the support, encouraging words and everything. It is so HARD at times. But "I CAN DO H. A. R. D THINGS THROUGH CHRIST JESUS WHO CARRIES ME THROUGH ALL THINGS. I love you all. Thanks, Thanks THANKS".



Priority registration for the Day School will start Feb. 1 for the 2021-22 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.



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

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Erica received the following note from the Child Protective Services Regional Supervisor. She wanted to share it with all the member of St. James

December 27, 2020

Dear Pastor and Sister Dick, Annis 'Children and St. James 'Episcopal Church,

Thank you for your heart warming gifts to the Washington County Child Protection Staff. Year after year, week after week, you do something to bless the children and families of Washington County, making their experiences a little less traumatic. Hosting the yearly Christmas party/dinner for the children, the Resource Parents and when possible the parents themselves. This year, amid a sometimes-paralyzing pandemic, there was no Christmas Party. But you managed to not only bless the children in care but also you anonymously blessed some of our most deprived In-Home families as well.

This is often a thankless job for my staff and they constantly face resentment and even threats of abuse to their own person. However, You at The St. James Episcopal Church of Greenville, Mississippi, have repeatedly expressed thanks to my staff and have brought warmth to the hearts of the Social Workers, their supervisors and me. You managed to sweeten the lives of the Social Workers who face daily challenges of protecting the children and bringing clarity and resources (like you) into the confusion faced by these children and families. When offered from a sincere heart, gifts are so uplifting and therapeutic. We have been refueled to go an extra mile in our endeavors.

Again, I thank you for all that you do to encourage our children and staff year-round. May you and your families be blessed a thousand times more for you have most certainly been a blessing unto "the least of these."

Forever Grateful,

Eugene Anderson, LSW, MSW
Regional Director, II West



Mardi Gras Madness to benefit Living Waters for the World will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Monday, February 15th.

This year they are offering pottery, freezer favorites, salty and sweet treats for pre-order and pick-up via drive thru.

Pre-order your lunch or dinner \$15.00 along with our other festive items via the order form <https://form.jotform.com/203645413703045>

Silent auction is available online from February 8th - 14th www.32auctions.com/fpcmgm2021

pick up your winning items in the **drive-thru** on February 15th

1 John Calvin Circle Greenville, MS 662-332-3144

OUR PARISH FAMILY



For parishioners: Jean Nimrod, Sandy Welsh, Haley Holbrook, Mary Paul McDowell, Mike Boyd, Linda Owens, Dudley Stewart, Mike Bostic, Joe McLaurin, David K. Lee, David H. Lee, Susan Sutherland, Shirley Mitchell, Elizabeth Smith.

For friends and family: Melinda Gwin, John Banahan, Willie Tubertini, David Reed, Laverne Williams, Becky Serio, Andrew Ellis, Helen Henson, Carol Chandler, Becky & Danny Matthews, Louis Turcotte, Linda Fratesi, Elizabeth Noble England, Bucky Lott, Jeannie & Milton Edwards, Janie Nichols Burke, Puddin Moore, Andy Von Antz, Katherine Adams, Terry Burford, 2 unnamed

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.

FEBRUARY



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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 pray for
the repose of the soul of
Lea Brent
who died January 10

Betsy Bostic	2/02
Dorothy Jordan	2/02
Betsy Alexander	2/03
Betty Fullilove	2/03
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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Feb 15 Office closed for Presidents' Day
Feb. 17 **Ash Wednesday**
12:15 PM--HE & imposition of ashes
5:30 PM-- HE & imposition of ashes



Deadline for articles
for the next
Wayfarer is Feb 22

Revenue & Expenses December 2020

Total Revenue	\$53,521.67
Total Expenses	\$26,715.84
Net Total	\$26,805.83

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

FEBRUARY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 6:00 PM Al Anon	2	3	4	5 Clergy Sabbath	6 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
7 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II In-person + Live stream	8 6:00 PM Al Anon	9	10	11	12 Clergy Sabbath	13 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
14 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II In-person + Live stream	15 Church Office  Presidents' Day 6:00 PM Al Anon	16 5:30 PM Vestry	17 12:15 PM Ash Wed. Service 5:30 PM Ash Wed. Service	18	19 Clergy Sabbath	20 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
21 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II In-person + Live stream	22 6:00 PM Al Anon	23	24	25	26 Clergy Sabbath	27 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
28 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II In-person + Live stream	1	2	3	4	5	6