

August & September 2023

# THE WAYFARER

A PUBLICATION OF ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:30 am	H.E. Rite I
9:30 am	Adult Christian Ed
9:30 am	Choir
10:30 am	Children's Church
10:30 am	H. E. Rite II

## STUDY SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY

10:30 am	Bible Study
5:30 pm	Compline

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## Back to School

So here it is, the middle of July, and I am writing a newsletter article about the fall. There is nothing autumnal about the world right now. It is hot as blazes and twice as humid. But Betsy is taking a well-deserved vacation in August; so we are doing a double issue of the *Wayfarer*.

Of course, with schools starting up the first week or so of August, summer break is nearly over, even if there is no break to summer. Once again, I will be teaching a class each semester at St. Joseph Catholic School: chemistry until Christmas and then physics after. This will be the first year that I will have students that I have taught before, which I am looking forward to doing. We will be having our "Blessing of the Backpacks" for students and teachers at the 10:30 service on August 6.

I really enjoy teaching, whether it be science or theology. Sunday school and our Bible study class are highlights of my week. I see my homilies as teaching opportunities, but I do prefer a more "back and forth" discussion. I would hope that my homilies act as springboards to other discussions.

I record both my 8:30 and 10:30 homilies and make them available on our website and parish Facebook page. You don't have to have a Facebook account to access them. So if there is something I say that you particularly liked, disagreed with, or didn't quite get, feel free to listen again. You can even come by the office and I'll be happy to play it for you and we can talk about it. The wonders of the digital age.

Geoffrey Lewis has volunteered to lead Compline services each Wednesday evening at 5:30 in the chapel. This will begin September 6, the Wednesday after Labor Day. Compline is an ancient rite and is the newest one in the current prayer book. Traditionally, Compline was said as the last office of the day in monasteries. I encourage you to join Geoffrey on Wednesdays beginning in September.

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## IN OUR CHURCH

Because Betsy will be out some in August, we are planning a little further ahead than normal. It is amazing how quickly time passes these days. I know I am not the first to remark how much more quickly time seems to pass as I get older. I remind myself not to long for the next weekend or holiday too much. It will get here all too fast. And be over all too soon. In the meantime, it is good to be present where and when I am.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+

## Blessing of the Backpacks

We will celebrate returning to school with the blessing of the backpacks at the 10:30 service on August. 6.



## Pastoral CARE

The pastoral care committee will meet Sept. 11 at noon in the Davidson Room.



ECW luncheon will start back up Tues., Sept. 12 at noon at the Greenville Country Club.

## OPEN OUT OF THE OFFICE



Betsy will be on vacation August 15 - 29.

The Men of St. James will begin breakfasting together again on Sept. 21, at 7:00 a.m. All men are welcome.

## MEN of ST. JAMES



The Day school year begins August 16. Please be careful and watch for children when driving around the building.



## Next Dates for Baptisms

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is appropriately administered within the Eucharist at the chief service on a Sunday. The next date for Baptism is All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 5. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.

## FORWARD DAY by DAY

The new Forwards for Aug., Sept., Oct. are now available at the entrances to the church, the kitchen, and the hall outside the office. Please help yourself to a copy.



The Church office will be closed Sept. 4 for Labor Day. We will be back in the office 8:00 am Tues., Sept. 5.

**Service Ministries for Sunday, Aug 6**

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Betsy Alexander  
**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Dotti Lowe  
**LEM:** Noel Harris  
**Lector:** Charlie Weissinger  
**Ushers:** Wesley Smith  
**Vestry Assignment:** Leigh Harris, Brad Jones

**Service Ministries for Sunday, Aug 13**

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Jim Martin  
**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines  
**LEM:** Geoffrey Lewis  
**Lector:** Sonya Bixler  
**Ushers:** David Cochran  
**Vestry Assignment:** Austin Frye, Debi Hendrix

**Service Ministries for Sunday, Aug 20**

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Brister Lee  
**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Dotti Lowe  
**LEM:** Sonya Bixler  
**Lector:** Tim Bixler  
**Ushers:** Bill Andrews  
**Vestry Assignment:** Graham Hollister, Rak Koestler

**Service Ministries for Sunday, Aug 27**

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Betsy Alexander  
**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines  
**LEM:** Noel Harris  
**Lector:** Erica Dick  
**Ushers:** Lee Engel  
**Vestry Assignment:** Beth Naaman, Wesley Smith

**Service Ministries for Sunday, Sep 3**

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Jim Martin  
**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Dotti Lowe  
**LEM:** Geoffrey Lewis  
**Lector:** Ruby Edwards  
**Ushers:** Rak Koestler  
**Vestry Assignment:** Doug Wade, Charlie Weissinger

**Service Ministries for Sunday, Sep 10**

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Brister Lee  
**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines  
**LEM:** Sonya Bixler  
**Lector:** Ed Egger  
**Ushers:** Mickey Naaman  
**Vestry Assignment:** Leigh Harris, Brad Jones

**Service Ministries for Sunday, Sep 17**

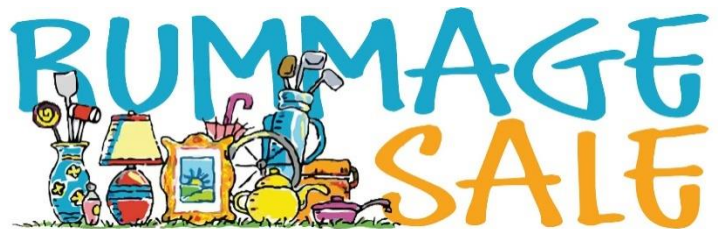
**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Betsy Alexander  
**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Dotti Lowe  
**LEM:** Noel Harris  
**Lector:** Lee Engel  
**Ushers:** Peter Nimrod  
**Vestry Assignment:** Austin Frye, Debi Hendrix

**Service Ministries for Sunday, Sep 24**

**8:30 AM Worship Leader:** Jim Martin  
**10:30 AM Worship Leader:** Ashley Hines  
**LEM:** Geoffrey Lewis  
**Lector:** Austin Frye  
**Ushers:** Ralph Owens  
**Vestry Assignment:** Graham Hollister, Rak Koestler

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 10:30 am & 5:30 pm.  
 Aug 6 Blessing of the Backpacks at 10:30 church  
 Aug 15 Vestry meeting 5:30 pm  
 Aug 16 Day School begins  
 Aug 15 – 29 Betsy on vacation  
 Sep 4 Church office closed for Labor Day  
 Sep 11 Pastoral Care Committee meets 12:00 pm  
 Sep 12 ECW Luncheon at GGCC 12:00 pm  
 Sep 19 Vestry meeting 5:30 pm  
 Sep 21 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am



Thank you, thank you to everyone who pitched in to make this year's rummage sale a huge success!! We raised around \$11,000.00 this year. We couldn't have done it without you!!



### **BACK TO SCHOOL!!!**

Saint James' Day School is preparing for the 67<sup>th</sup> year of joyful learning!

The staff is excited to get back in the swing of things as they receive new class rosters and get ready to welcome new families into our school. Parent orientation will on Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and our first day of school is Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome **Liz Weissinger** as the incoming Director this year, and we know the school will continue to strive under her leadership. Thank you to Liz for agreeing to serve St. James in this capacity!

We will greatly miss **Elise Lee** this fall, as she has chosen to retire at the age of 79!!!! Elise has been such a blessing and an asset to our program. She taught two and three year olds for 20 years before "retiring" to work at Delta & Pine Land Company. She then returned to St. James' for another 6 years as a preK assistant. Elise is "the fun one" on our staff and is always dancing. Her enthusiasm, cheerfulness and love for preschool education has been contagious!

### **Rummage Sale 2023**

The Rummage Sale was a huge success once again with proceeds over \$11,000!!! We are so thankful for all the support from our parish! It is a lot of work but a tremendous amount of fun!!!

It takes so many volunteers to make this sale happen:

**Donors** -We could not have a sale without the many donations that come in all year long and are stored in the large container buildings.

**Heavy Lifters** - There is the crew of guys who show up in the heat of summer to unload those containers and move the donations to the Parish Hall.

**Advertising and Social Media** – this group gets the word out to our community.

**"Rummage Ladies"** – This fun group works for weeks setting up the sale - unboxing, sorting, organizing, displaying and pricing all the items.

**Sale volunteers** – This is a group of all ages (teens, staff, parishioners) who work during the sale for several days. An army of volunteers serve in "will call", as a checker, as a sales assistant, and as a car loader.

**Cleanup Crew** – Many of the same folks who braved the heat to unload the containers show up to help box up the unsold merchandise and haul it away to another worthwhile charity. After weeks of taking over the Parish Hall, it is once again restored to its former self.

Believe it or not, we are ready to receive donations for 2024. **Remember, if you have clothing to donate, the school has an account at Corner Closet resale shop and you may drop off items anytime.**

## OUR PARISH FAMILY



**For parishioners:** Sandy Welsh, Emma Jean McIntyre, George Baird, Lynn & Bill Schaffarzick, Louise Loughran, Haley Holbrook, Jimmy Lee, Linda Owens, Dudley Stewart, Susan Sutherland, Elizabeth Smith.

**For friends and family:** Phil Lee, Jr., Brad Beckham, Butch Ashmore, Ruth Ann Young, Mitzi Scarborough, Martha Moore, Carolyn Cochran, Betty Baxter, Wanda McNeely Lowry, Chadwick Crawford, Perry Hutchinson, Linda Howard, Lisa Willis, Portia Wise, Docia England, Millie Wright, Betty Coghlan, Kaye Buchanan, Penny & Rick Byler, Betty Lynn Cameron, Greg Knowles, Pookie Davis, Bob Jones, Andy Von Antz, 2 Anonymous

**For those serving in the Armed Forces:** Jackson Mitchell, Tyler Owens, Nathan Thomas, Sean Williams, Thomas Griffin, Barry Jackson, Marcus Shoemaker, Beau Swain.

### AUGUST Birthdays & Anniversaries

Finley Edwards	08/01
Greg Wells	08/01
Noel Harris	08/04
Bee Stewart	08/04
George Baird	08/05
Nan Hines	08/05
Anita Martin	08/06
Alex Ables	08/11
Cyndi Underwood	08/12
Lucy Dick	08/14
Danny Suber	08/16
Charlie Weissinger	08/20
Wesley Smith	08/21
Jacob Dick	08/22
Jill Flowers	08/22
Olivia Lowe	08/22
Briester Lee	08/23
April Andrews	08/25
Sophia Hines	08/25
Douglas Wade, Jr.	08/25
Tim Bixler	08/26
Marsha Baird	08/30
John Daniels	08/30
Elizabeth Weissinger	08/30
Leslie & Daryl Chastain	08/05
April & Nolan Andrews	08/11
Ruby & Finley Edwards	08/22
Laura & Wesley Smith	08/26
Deanna & Warren Harper	08/27

### SEPTEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

Ben Buchberger	09/02
Hillary Horn	09/04
Larry Wade	09/04
Deanna Harper	09/09
Marla McGee	09/13
Geoffrey Lewis	09/16
Lauren Bostic	09/17
Jimmy Lee	09/18
Jeb Burle	09/21
Erin Kelly	09/23
Emery Skelton	09/23
Carl Cottingham	09/26
Beatrice Ayres	09/27
Skipper Macvaugh	09/28
Josh Edwards	09/30
Betsy & Mike Bostic	09/15
Jamie & Danny Suber	09/15
Liz & Charlie Weissinger	09/29

Revenue & Expenses June 2023	
Total Revenue	\$22,642.84
Total Expenses	\$29,591.02
Net Total	\$(6,948.18)

Deadline for articles for the next *Wayfarer* is Sept 22

## Births & Adoptions

We give thanks for the birth of:  
Harold "Hal" Winston Robertson  
Born June 28 to  
Ann Elise & Xan Robertson  
Proud grandparents are  
LaMarr & Hal Winn

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

# AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir	3	4 Clergy Sabbath	5 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
6 <b>Blessing of Backpacks</b> 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	7	8	9 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir	10	11 Clergy Sabbath	12 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
13 8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:30 AM Adult Sunday school 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM Children's Church 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II	14	15 5:30 PM Vestry	16 Day School Starts 10:30 AM Bible Study 6:00 PM Choir	17	18 Clergy Sabbath	19 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
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