

October 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
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Here We Go

In an earlier newsletter, I talked about how Betsy and I look forward to a “quieter” time during the summer that really isn’t any quieter or less active. On the other hand, we know that October starts a decidedly not quiet time here at St. James’. In our scheduling meeting this morning, we realized just how much is going on in the coming months. And I love it. St. James’ is an active and vibrant parish.

In October, we are hosting a J.A.-sponsored Halloween party for foster families and having our pumpkin carving party for parishioners. October is also when we look at the budget for the coming year to be ready to present at the annual Parish Meeting in November. At the meeting, we will elect three new vestry members and a new senior warden. November also means Bazaar and Thanksgiving, always a busy time in the parish. December brings Advent and Christmas. Whew.

More immediately, starting October 1 we will be changing up the service music at the 10:30 service. We usually change it with the seasons, but the season after Pentecost lasts so long that we can change it up in the middle. Also in October we will be singing the psalm. Joey and I have picked out a psalm tone that we will use each week. Singing the psalms is an ancient tradition, and we are nothing here at St. James’ if not traditional.

On October 8 we will observe the Feast of St. Francis with our annual Blessing of the Pets at 4:00 in the courtyard chapel. Bring your fur babies (or feathered or scaled or what have you) for a blessing and a time of celebrating all the life that God has created.

There is a great deal going on over the next few months, so mark your calendars, set your reminders on your phones, tell Alexa to remind you, or however you keep your life organized these days. There is so much good stuff going on at St. James’. You don’t want to miss anything.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+

IN OUR CHURCH

Pastoral CARE

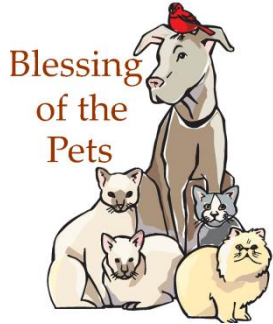
The pastoral care committee will meet Oct. 2 at noon in the Davidson Room.



ECW will meet on Tuesday, Oct 3 at noon at the Greenville Country Club.



Brandt will be at Clergy Conference October 16 – 18. If you have a pastoral emergency at this time, please contact the church office or one of the wardens.



The Blessing of the Pets will be Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 pm in the Courtyard chapel.

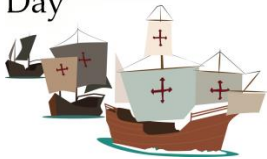
Please bring your pets on a leash or in a carrier. The plate offering at this service will go to Area Rescue and Relief Fellowship (ARRF) and we will be collecting supplies for the Greenville Humane Shelter. Their greatest need is cat and dog food. They can also use cat litter, Clorox and Pine Sol. Bring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

The Men of St. James will enjoy breakfast together again on Oct. 19, at 7:00 a.m. All men are welcome.



Oct. 25 at 5:00 pm will be our pumpkin carving gathering in the parish hall. Bring your favorite spooky snacks and a pumpkin(s) to carve.

Columbus Day



The Church office will be closed Oct. 9 for Columbus Day. We will be back in the office 8:00 am Tues., Oct. 10.

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.

On All Saints Sunday, November 5, we will be celebrating several baptisms. To celebrate All Saints and our newest church members we will have a potluck lunch after the service. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the celebration!





ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting is Nov 19

The Annual Parish Meeting has been set for Nov 19 during the 10:30 church service. It is time for vestry nominations. We will be electing a Sr. Warden and 3 vestry members. 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 whose terms are ending are:

Leigh Harris - Sr. Warden, Austin Frye, Graham Hollister, and Charlie 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. You may nominate yourself by either means.

We require a brief biographical sketch of your nominee to include in the printed material for the meeting (how long a member, committees, activities involved in, etc.). Please e-mail it to betsy@stjamesgreenville.com.

Whom do you wish to remember on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5?

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 at 662-334-4582, or email Betsy at betsy@stjamesgreenville.com to add names to the list.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 10:30.
Kid's Connection is each Wednesday at 3:00 pm
Compline is each Wednesday at 5:30 pm
Oct 2 Pastoral Care meets
Oct 3 ECW Luncheon 12:00 pm
Oct 8 Pet Blessing 4:00 pm
Oct 9 Office closed for Columbus Day
Oct 16-18 Brandt at Clergy Conference
Oct 19 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am
Oct 19 Vestry 5:30 pm
Oct 25 Pumpkin Carving 5:00 pm

IN OUR CHURCH



St. James' has embarked on a new children's ministry program called **St. James Kid's Connection!** Each Wed. afternoon during the school year from 3:00 – 5:00, we will gather for Fun, Faith and Fellowship with elementary age children in kindergarten through 5th grade. We offer a fun and inclusive environment where all children experience God's love. We will work on building church community through fellowship and spiritual foundation. While classmates and schools may differ, it is our hope that their church friends will be one of the constants in their lives.

PLEASE consider volunteering once or twice a month for this ministry. Volunteers are needed to serve refreshments and to help with crafts and games.

What happens at Kid's Connection?

We will follow a loosely structured format for each meeting: gathering, eating, learning, playing, singing, prayer and service. Plans are being made for our group to be active in outreach, both at church and in the broader community. A preliminary schedule is as follows:

- 3:00 – 3:30 Welcome time with refreshments and outdoor play
- 3:30 – 4:15 Bible Story/Lesson and craft or other activity
- 4:14 – 4:50 Games/ Music with Joey Polk/Acolyte Training (for 4th and 5th grades)
- 4:50 – 5:00 Final gathering with prayer and dismissal

Special activities will be added as the church calendar suggests.

Parents may be called upon to provide refreshments or to chaperone.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me, Ginny Cochran, by email or phone 662-379-7676. I hope to hear from you soon!

SERVICE MINISTRIES

Service Ministries for Sunday, Oct 1

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Brister lee
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Deanna Harper
Ushers: David Cochran
Vestry Assignment: Graham Hollister, Rak Koestler

Service Ministries for Sunday, Oct 8

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Geoffrey Lewis
Lector: Warren Harper
Ushers: Bill Andrews
Vestry Assignment: Beth Naaman, Wesley Smith

Service Ministries for Sunday, Oct 15

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Robin Kelly
Ushers: Lee Engel
Vestry Assignment: Doug Wade, Charlie Weissinger

Service Ministries for Sunday, Oct 22

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Brister Lee
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Geoffrey Lewis
Lector: Rak Koestler
Ushers: Rak Koestler
Vestry Assignment: Leigh Harris, Brad Jones

Service Ministries for Sunday, Oct 29

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Mickey Naaman
Ushers: Mickey Naaman
Vestry Assignment: Austin Frye, Debi Hendrix



It's Bazaar Time

Thursday, Nov. 16 is the date for our Harvest Bazaar this year. This is our biggest fund raiser for outreach and it takes everyone pitching in to make it a success.

Sunday, Nov. 12 set up will begin immediately after the 10:30 service. Be sure to stay and help our church family as we pull together to work for the good of our community.

In addition to our seated luncheon, we will have all our usual booths - baked goods, Treasures and Bulbs, Freezer Pantry, Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction.

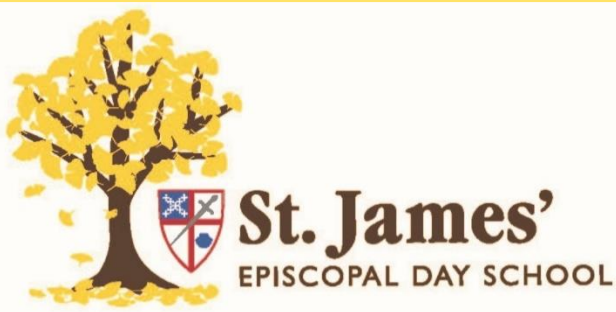
The Steering Committee this year is: Ginny Cochran (379-7676), Marsha Baird (931-3577), Debi Hendrix (379-1119), Mickie Sandidge (820-4348), Beth Naaman (820-5225)

Look for more detailed information in the November *Wayfarer*.



Spread the Warmth

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, blankets, gloves, scarves, hats and warm socks. 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!



The school year is off to a great start! Our current enrollment is 57 students with 5 two-year olds, 19 three-year olds, 10 Pre-K, and 23 kindergarteners. We are blessed with a wonderful staff of 14 teachers and assistants. Everyone is settling into their classroom routines, and we are looking forward to fall weather so we can continue to learn and play outdoors. We appreciate your prayers for health and safety this year at the Day School!

Liz Weissinger, Director

OUR PARISH FAMILY



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

For friends and family: Linda Fratesi, Mary Douglass Kimble, Morgan & Casey Rorie, Brittany Hill, Nicholas Gault, Ruth Ann Young, Jeannie Edwards, Mel Rich, Laura Stell, Al Fava, Lalie Eskay, Christin Fisher, Phil Lee, Jr., Butch Ashmore, Mitzi Scarborough, Millie Wright, Kaye Buchanan, Penny & Rick Byler, Evan & Pookie Davis, Bob Jones

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

OCTOBER



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Charlene Louwerens	10/01
Linda Lowry	10/01
Kathleen Ayres	10/03
Paula Kronfol	10/03
Haley Holbrook	10/09
Lisa Percy	10/09
Warren Hammett, Jr.	10/11
Tommy Mills	10/12
Hal Winn	10/15
John Grayson Edwards	10/16
David Skelton	10/22
Hyde Weissinger, IV	10/23
Fisher Weissinger	10/28
Cristy Stone	10/29
Allison Nimrod	10/30
Debi Hendrix	10/31



We pray for the repose of the souls of:
 Hank Burdine
 who died August 28
 &
 Barbara Stott
 Who died September 20

Revenue & Expenses August

Total Revenue	\$20,681.09
Total Expenses	\$25,311.70
Net Total	\$(4,630.61)



Deadline for articles for the next *Wayfarer* is Oct 23



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

The Pastoral Care Committee removes non-parishioners after 3 months on the prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list the committee needs to know why they are being added and they need an address to mail a card if you want that person to receive one. You may email names and addresses to betsy@stjamesgreenville.com or use the pew card in the church.

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>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</p>	<p>2</p> <p>12:00 PM Pastoral Care</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 PM ECW @ GGCC</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30 AM Dayschool chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 3:00 PM Kid's Connection 5:30 PM Compline 6:00 PM Choir</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM A.A. mtg</p>
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