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THE WAYFARER

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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
3:00 pm	Kid's Connection
6:00 pm	Choir

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Annual Council

Last year about this time, we were preparing to elect a new bishop. This year, we are getting ready for our first Annual Council with our new bishop. This is kind of the last of the firsts. Bp. Dorothy has had her first visitation to St. James'; we have had our first clergy conference under her leadership. This will be her first Council as bishop.

I started going to Council before I became an Episcopalian. Erica's parents and some of their friends from the parish in McComb would routinely go to council whether they were delegates or not. My first one was Hattiesburg, I think. I don't remember a great deal specifically, but I do recall its being fun. I have been to every Council since. Erica and I even went to council during seminary as Sewanee reps for their booth in the exhibition hall. Trinity, Natchez, hosted Council while I was there, so I have seen it from the planning side, as well.

I really enjoy going to Council. So often, we Episcopalians can feel like a real minority in terms of Christendom. We can feel surrounded by Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics, you name it. Not that that is a bad thing. We worship and believe in so many different ways, its probably best that we have a little distance rather than arguing all the time. But Annual Council is a time to realize just how much there is to the Episcopal Church in Mississippi. We hear reports from all over the diocese of what is going on in a variety of ministries. We worship together in a great crowd. Y'all know how nice it is when we have a good crowd here on a Sunday morning; imagine over a thousand folks gathered together to worship in our own particular style. The procession alone takes about seven minutes, what with all the banners from every parish and all the clergy of the diocese. It is a sight to behold.

In many dioceses the annual gathering is much more perfunctory. They gather in a church for a Saturday, conduct their business, and go home. There are some who advocate for us adopting such a model. I hope that we don't. It is expensive to do it our way, but I like our Episcopal House Party, as it is sometimes known. The opportunity to gather with fellow Episcopalians from across the state, to be reminded that we are part of something bigger than ourselves, that is important, too. *(cont. on page 2)*

IN OUR CHURCH

Annual Council

So I will enjoy my time at Council, but do not doubt that I will be working, as well. Once again I have been appointed chair of the Resolutions Committee, and I serve as president of the Disciplinary Board, so I will be having meetings in those capacities this weekend. But even in the work I find joy, because I am working with fellow Episcopalians as we use the talents we've been given to further God's kingdom in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

Not a bad way to spend a weekend.

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+



The next ECW luncheon will be Tues., Feb 11 at noon at the Greenville Country Club.



MEN of ST. JAMES

The Men of St. James will enjoy breakfast on Thurs. Feb. 20, at 7:00 a.m.



The new altar flower sign-up sheet for 2025 is on the hall bulletin board. You are invited and encouraged to sign up for altar flowers in memory or celebration of your loved ones.

FORWARD DAY by DAY

The Forwards for Feb, Mar & Apr are now available at all church entrances, the office entrance and in the kitchen. Please help yourself to a copy.

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 are Easter Vigil, Apr 19, The Day of Pentecost, June 8, and All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 2. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.



The Church office will be closed Feb. 17 for Presidents' Day

Pastoral CARE

The Pastoral Care Committee takes friends and family off the prayer list after 3 months. If you would like to add a person to the 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 cards in church.

SERVICE MINISTRIES & MISCELLANEOUS

Service Ministries for Sunday, Feb 2 - MP

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Geoffrey Lewis
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Sonya Bixler
Ushers: Rak Koestler
Vestry Assignment: Doug Wade, Finley Edwards

Service Ministries for Sunday, Feb 9


8:30 AM Worship Leader: Brister Lee
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Tim Bixler
Ushers: Mickey Naaman
Vestry Assignment: Brad Jones, Ginny Cochran

Service Ministries for Sunday, Feb 16

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines
LEM: Sonya Bixler
Lector: Erica Dick
Ushers: Peter Nimrod
Vestry Assignment: Ellen Frye, Noell Harris

Service Ministries for Sunday, Feb 23

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin
10:30 AM Worship Leader: Geoffrey Lewis
LEM: Noel Harris
Lector: Ruby Edwards
Ushers: Ralph Owens
Vestry Assignment: Cary Karlson, Brister Lee



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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Jan 31-Feb 2 Annual Diocesan Council in Biloxi
- Feb 3 Pastoral Care Committee
- Feb 5 Healing service at 12:00 pm
- Feb 11 ECW Luncheon 12:00 pm at the Greenville Golf & Country Club
- Feb 17 Office closed for Presidents' Day
- Feb 20 Men's Breakfast 7:00 am

Revenue & Expenses December 2024	
Total Revenue	\$65,401.44
Total Expenses	\$24,817.07
Net Total	\$40,584.37

IN OUR COMMUNITY



The Sacred Space is a non-profit organization serving the least, the lost, and the left out - Providing men's transitional housing, serving hot meals every Tuesday night at 5:30pm, hosting a nightly Narcotics Anonymous meeting at 8pm, and providing shelter for women and men from 6pm until 6am. They are located in the old Salvation Army Building on Broadway.

As part of our community outreach, St. James has agreed to provide and serve 4 meals this year. The dates are: March 4, May 6, July 1,

and September 2. Cicero's will cater the meal and take it to The Sacred Space. We will need to provide volunteers to serve the meals. There is a sign-up sheet for each date on the hall bulletin board or you can email betsy@stjamesgreenville.com with your date and she will put you on the list. Please help with this Outreach project if you can.

This is made possible by the generosity of The Annis Walcott Outreach Trust.



Caregivers Support Group
meets at St. James

We have a care givers support group that meets each Monday at 1:30 pm in the St. James room. Larry Braswell from Cleveland leads the sessions which last approximately 1.5 hours each. This group is open to all caregivers and there is no cost to attend.



**The Annual Day School Rummage Sale
will be held in July!**

As you are doing your spring cleaning, please remember we are accepting donations at the church Mon-Fri from 8-12. If you need to drop off items at another time, please contact Liz Weissinger. We have had some problems with vandalism and would rather not have items left unattended.

Remember, we are not accepting clothing or outdated electronics.

The Day School has an account at the Corner Closet resale shop for all clothing donations.



Grief recovery groups

Starting Feb. 5, Grief/Share will be offered at First Presbyterian Church at One John Calvin Circle on Wednesdays at 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Grief/Share will be lead by Rev. Dr. Tom Atkins, a United Methodist pastor for 28 years and former Hospital/Hospice Chaplain for 16 years. Dr. Atkins' doctoral dissertation focused on the spiritual dynamics of grief and loss. Those interested in participating in Grief/Share support group can register for the program by calling Greenville First Presbyterian Church at 662-332-3144. Registration will end on Monday, Feb. 3 and will be limited to 16 participants.

GRIEFSHARE.ORG



St. James'
EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

Priority registration for the Day School will begin in February for the 2025-26 school year. Current students and parishioners will receive priority until March 7. Anyone interested in enrolling their children should contact the school office to receive an application.

OUR PARISH FAMILY



For parishioners Finley Edwards, Elizabeth Jones, Sonya Bixler, David Cochran, Robin Wells, Stephanie Lowe, Emma Jean McIntyre, Thorne Crosby, Sandy Welsh, Jimmy Lee, Linda Owens, Susan Sutherland, Elizabeth Smith

For friends and family: Harold Chastain, Dorothy Plunkett, George Arrington, Nancy Dantone, John Hughes, Terri Shilling, Jean Williamson, Rosa Tobiansky, Marie Edens, Sharon & Butch Ashmore, Joy Haddock Davis, Ivy Wood, Lee Yancy, Cindy Low, Martha Moore, Andy Von Antz, Julie Boswell, Mary Louise Miller, Ruth Ellen Coffey, Linda Fratesi, Christin Fisher, Phil Lee, Jr., Kaye Buchanan, Bob Jones, Penny & Rick Byler

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Barry Jordan, Jackson Mitchell, Tyler Owens, Nathan Thomas, Beau Swain.

FEBRUARY



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Ginny & David Cochran	2/08
Debi & Bobby Hendrix	2/09
Brister & David Lee	2/19
Mary Lynn & Bill Andrews	2/22



We welcome Brucie Mintz who has transferred to St. James from Louisiana.

Betsy Bostic	2/02
Dorothy Jordan	2/02
Betsy Alexander	2/03
Patrick Bolls	2/05
Christie Owens	2/06
Larsen Elliott	2/07
Paxton Nimrod	2/08
Peter Nimrod	2/09
Susan O'Neal	2/11
Connie Hubbard	2/14
Andrew Tominello	2/14
Hal Holbrook	2/16
Brad Jones	2/17
Will Ayres, Jr.	2/19
Thorne Crosby	2/23
Allyn Roulhac	2/25
Caroline Horn	2/26
Brad Buchberger	2/28



Transitions

We pray for the repose of the souls of Dudley Stewart who died Dec 10 and Tommy Mills who died Dec 12 and Skipper Macvaugh Who died Jan 14 And Sharon Gault Who died Jan 16



We give thanks for the birth of William Todd Muncher & Reed Glen Muncher born Dec 22 to Katie Beth & Grant Muncher Proud grandparents are Annie & Todd Lott

CALENDARS

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 10:00 AM A.A. mtg Annual Council in Biloxi through Feb. 2
2 8:30 AM M.P. Rite I 9:30 AM Choir 10:30 AM M.P. Rite II Annual Council in Biloxi through Feb. 2	3 12:00 PM Pastoral Care Committee	4	5 8:30 AM Dayschool chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 12:00 PM Healing Service 3:00 PM Kids Connection 6:00 PM Choir	6	7 Clergy Sabbath	8 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
9 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	10	11 12:00 PM ECW @ GGCC	12 8:30 AM Dayschool chapel 10:30 AM Bible Study 3:00 PM Kids Connection 6:00 PM Choir	13	14 Clergy Sabbath	15 10:00 AM A.A. mtg
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