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THE WAYFARER

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COMING SOON

Day School
Rummage Sale



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WORSHIP & STUDY

Wednesdays

10:30 am Bible Study
5:30 pm WEEDS

Sundays

8:30 am H.E. Rite I
9:30 am Sunday school
10:30 am H.E. Rite II
4:00 pm H.E. Rite II

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How to Argue Like a Christian

More and more, people are finding themselves on opposite sides of a great many issues. Our society certainly seems very polarized. There are a variety of ways to approach contentious issues. One is to dig in on your particular side and fight it out, tooth and nail, with all comers. Aside from the general uncouthness of this approach, it also almost inevitably leads to citing facts not in evidence or even contrary to reality. In our zeal to support our position, we may say things that are not true, inadvertently or not. As this would be bearing false witness, Christians do not have the luxury of using this technique.

Another popular approach is “agree to disagree.” This does have a veneer of Christianity to it. At least we are not openly fighting and hurling metaphorical grenades at each other. But I do not think it is an honest approach. Without discussion, there is no room for the movement of the Holy Spirit, and I believe such movement to be an important component of Christian interaction. Agreeing to disagree just leaves us in our own intransigent position with no possibility for considering alternatives. While such an approach may provide surface peace, it is not the best approach.

Of all people, two Christians should be able to come together and discuss differences of opinion. And not in a passive-aggressive, “I need to speak the truth to you in love” kind of way. When any two people disagree on an issue, and especially two Christians, there are ways to discuss the issue that are appropriate and fair. (To be clear, I am talking about discussing issues and ideas. When real harm has been caused by one person to another that is a different circumstance and requires a different approach. To my knowledge, we have mostly avoided that for the last four years, so let’s keep up the good work.) So, some guidelines:

First, never use *ad hominem* attacks. This means to attack the person instead of the idea. No name calling, no bringing up personal information to use as an attack, no hitting. (continued on page 2)

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Christians love and respect all persons because they are created in the image of God, and that is sufficient reason for any Christian. Second, make sure to avoid the “straw man” fallacy. This means portraying the opposing view in an exaggerated or otherwise false way, and then arguing against that. If we are going to engage in Christian discussion, we must strive to understand the opposing view in the best possible way. This promotes understanding and respect for the other person. A third consideration is a special case of *ad hominem* sometimes called “appealing to motive.” This is attacking a position because what we think the other person’s reason for supporting it are. “You just think that because...” It is part of that “judge not” stuff Jesus talked about.

In addition to how we structure our own arguments, there is also the consideration of how we then express those arguments. It is best to use “I” statements. “I think,” “I believe,” “I know” are less likely to violate the previously mentioned unfair attacks. It is also very important to listen to the other person, rather than to be formulating one’s response. And while fictional characters are able to lead their opponents down the primrose path to a logical contradiction and leave their opponent red-faced and fuming, it rarely happens in real life and attempting it almost always leads to inflamed tempers.

It is possible for two Christians to disagree. It is also possible for two Christians to disagree and still love each other and be in communion with each other while still being willing to talk about their differences. We have been working for nigh on five centuries now how to have very diverse people come together for common worship. It is part of our Anglican identity, and one of our greatest strengths. It takes effort and the willingness for delayed gratification, but it is the best way to be us. So if you find yourself on opposite sides of an issue with your brother or sister, it’s all right to talk about it. Just fight fairly, okay?

Peace,

Fr. Brandt+



MEN of ST. JAMES

The Men’s Breakfast on June 21 went so well that the Men of St. James have decided to meet again. On July 26 at 6:00 pm all men of the church are invited to an organizational meeting to decide what the men’s group should be and when it should meet. Light hors-d’oeuvres and drinks will be served.



Potluck

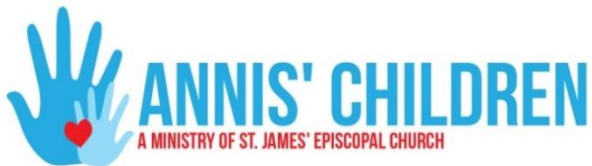
We will enjoy a potluck lunch on July 29 following our 10:30 service. Plan to make a dish and enjoy time together on the Feast of St. James.

Rummage Sale



Set up

July 8 immediately following the 10:30 service we will begin setting up for the Day School rummage sale. Wear comfortable clothes to church and plan to stay and help. The more folks helping the faster we finish. Pizza will be provided.



Annis' Children is collecting school supplies this summer for area foster youth. Some supplies needed include wide-ruled paper, pencils, scissors, glue and glue sticks, folders, binders, erasers, crayons, and markers. We are also accepting donations for new backpacks. Annis' Children will collect these supplies at the Blue Grass mass on Sunday, July 29.



Mass

Joey will be attending the MS Conference on Church Music & Liturgy on July 29. In her absence, we will have a Bluegrass Mass at 10:30 am. Since July 29 is the Feast of St. James, our patron saint, we will have one service only followed by a potluck in the parish hall. Plan to attend this special service and celebration and enjoy fellowship afterward with lunch.

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 at St. James is November 4, All Saints' Sunday. To schedule a baptism, please call Betsy at the Church Office or speak to Father Brandt.



Day School Rummage Sale

The 8th Annual Giant Rummage Sale to benefit St. James Episcopal Day School will be held Friday and Saturday, July 20-21 in the Parish Hall. There will be a preview party Wednesday, July 18. Tickets for the preview party are \$10.00 and are available from Ginny Cochran, any Day school board member and in the church office. You can also purchase tickets at the door on July 18.

If you have items to contribute to the sale, you may bring them to the church between 8:00 am & Noon Monday – Thursday. The container is full so you may bring them directly to the parish hall.



We had so much fun hosting about 50 superheroes for VBS Hero Central in June!

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers at St. James' and First Presbyterian who helped make all the fun possible!

As we said in our daily Hero Verse at VBS, "Do good, seek peace and go after it!"



Changing Mississippi
One Relationship at a Time

Mission Mississippi meets each Tuesday at 7AM

- July 3:** City of Greenville,
340 Main Street
- July 10:** Church of the Redeemer,
623 W. O'Hea
- July 17:** Maranatha Assembly of God,
567 Cypress Lane.
- July 24:** TBA
- July 31:** Washington County Ext. Building
148 N. Edison St.

OUR PARISH FAMILY



For parishioners: **Sandy** Welsh, **Dudley** Stewart, **Susan** Sutherland, **Doris** Jones, **Linda** Owens, **Haley** Holbrook, **David** Lee, **Shirley** Mitchell, **Elizabeth** Smith.

For friends and family: **Marcie** Hale, **Mark** Hooker, **Nancy** Arrington, **Glen** Fisher, **Linda** Doolittle, **Beth** Kendrick, **Jana** Limbaugh, **Betsy** Dyer, **MacKenzie** Holaday, **Mary** Stone, **Joni** Cannatella, **Ben** Meriweather, **Gail** Baroni, **Aries** Cotton, **Hunter** Azlin, **Orman & Mary** Gee, **Stella Grace** Cook, **Maxine** Harris, **Johnny** Utley, **Julia** Reed, **Daisy** Walsh, **Suzanne** Bean, **Lindsey** Williams, **1 un-named**, **Katherine** Adams, **Liz** Workman, **Edwynne** Love, **Andy** VonAntz, **Linda** Hamilton, **Julie** Boswell, **Helen** Toler, **Terry** Burford.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: **Eric** Crews, **Barry** Crosby, **Dan** Gibbons, **Thomas** Griffin, **Barry** Jackson, **Landon** Marony, **Nathan** Miles, **Houston** Sievers, **Benji** Sparks, **Beau** Swain, **Matt** Williams.

For expectant couples: **Maggie & Jay** Bixler, **Nick & Virginia** Ellison, **Molly & Andrew** Biesemier



Wilson Macvaugh	7/02
Susan Sutherland	7/02
Lynn Schaffarzick	7/03
Laura Buchberger	7/04
Chris Hamilton	7/04
Lucy Hines	7/04
Alyce Tominello	7/04
Thomas Jones	7/14
Hank Chastain	7/16
Brantley Nimrod	7/18
Susannah Sanders	7/18
Victor Smith	7/19
Martha Love Bradley	7/21
Carl Cottingham	7/21
Claire Quittmeyer	7/21
Laura Smith	7/23
Ashley Hines	7/25
Jimmy Sutherland	7/26
Rebecca Kellner	7/27
Ned Kronfol	7/28
Win Roulhac	7/28
Bill Burle	7/29
Ginny Cochran	7/29
Barbara Stott	7/30
Melanie Tucker	7/31

Beth & Mickey Naaman	7/25
LaMarr & Hal Winn	7/26

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- July 8 Set up for rummage sale
- July 18 Rummage sale preview party 5:30-7:30 pm
- July 20 Rummage Sale 8:00am-5:00 pm
- July 21 Rummage Sale 8:00-10:00 pm
- July 26 – Men of St. James meeting 6:00 pm
- July 29 Bluegrass Mass 10:30 am

ALTAR FLOWERS

Martha Weissinger has graciously offered to help anyone who is interested in learning to arrange altar flowers. You don't have to buy arrangements from a florist. You can do it yourself! Check the hall bulletin board for open dates and give Martha a call for help.

SERVICE MINISTRIES

Service Ministries for Sunday, July 1

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin

Lector: Bill Burle

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines

LEM: Noel Harris

Lector: Tim Bixler

Ushers: Bill Schaffarzick, Peter Nimrod

Acolytes: Thomas Jones, Mike Kelly, Sophia Hines

Altar Guild: Renfroe Team

Vestry Assignment: Susan Sutherland, Martha Weissinger

Service Ministries for Sunday, July 8

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Mike Boyd

Lector: Jack Lowry

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe

LEM: Curt Lacy

Lector: John Daniels

Ushers: William Owens, David Cochran

Acolytes: Rebecca Jones, Brantley Nimrod, Eva Wade

Altar Guild: Baird Team

Vestry Assignment: Warren Harper, Bill Burle

Service Ministries for Sunday, July 15

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Betsy Alexander

Lector: Bill Burle

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines

LEM: Martha Renfroe

Lector: Erica Dick

Ushers: Ralph Owens, David Skelton

Acolytes: Thomas Jones, Lizzie Skelton, Sophia Hines

Altar Guild: Mitchell Team

Vestry Assignment: Elizabeth Jones, Curt Lacy

Service Ministries for Sunday, July 22

8:30 AM Worship Leader: Jim Martin

Lector: Mickey Naaman

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Dotti Lowe

LEM: Sonya Bixler

Lector: Ruby Edwards

Ushers: Jimmy Sutherland, Dudley Stewart

Acolytes: Keaton Lacy, Mac Hamilton, Gil Macvaugh

Altar Guild: Egger Team

Vestry Assignment: Todd Lane, Mickey Naaman

Service Ministries for Sunday, July 29 – Feast of St. James – Bluegrass Mass

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Ashley Hines

LEM: Finley Edwards

Lector: Ed Egger

Ushers: George Baird, Mickey Naaman

Acolytes: Mac Hamilton, Eva Wade, Maggie Wade

Altar Guild: All Teams

Vestry Assignment: William Owens, Bill Schaffarzick




The church office will be closed July 4.
We will re-open at 8:00 am July 5.



July 23 for the Aug. *Wayfarer*

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

St. James Calendar for July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9 AM Choir 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II</p> <p>4:00 PM H. E. Rite II</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6 PM Al Anon</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ City of Greenville 340 Main Street</p>	<p>4 Office Closed</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 AM A.A. mtg.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9 AM Choir 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II 11:30 AM Rummage Sale set-up 4:00 PM H. E. Rite II</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6 PM Al Anon</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ Church of the Redeemer 623 W. O'Hea</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Choir</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM A.A. mtg.</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9 AM Choir 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II</p> <p>4:00 PM H. E. Rite II</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:30 PM CPS Mtg. 6 PM Al Anon</p>	<p>17</p> <p>7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ Maranatha Assembly of God 567 Cypress Lane</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30-7:30 PM Rummage Sale Preview Party</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p> <p>8:00-5:00 Dayschool Rummage Sale</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 AM A.A. mtg.</p> <p>8:00-10:00 Dayschool Rummage Sale</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9 AM Choir 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6 PM Al Anon</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast TBA</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 PM Men of St. James meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Clergy Sabbath</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 AM A.A. mtg.</p>
MS Conference on Church Music & Liturgy July 24 - 29						
<p>29 The Feast of St. James</p> <p>9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM H.E. Rite II Bluegrass Mass 11:30 AM Potluck</p> <p>MS Conference on Church Music & Liturgy</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6 PM Al Anon</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7 AM Mission MS Prayer B'fast @ Washington County Ext Bldg 148 N. Edison St.</p>				