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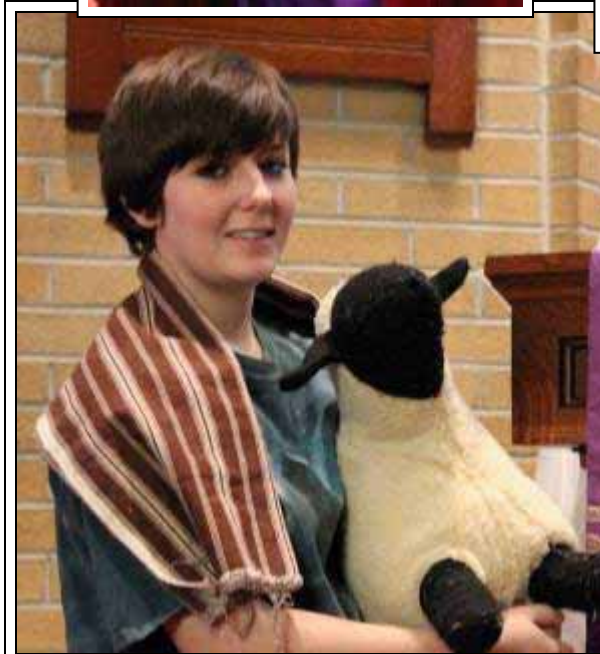
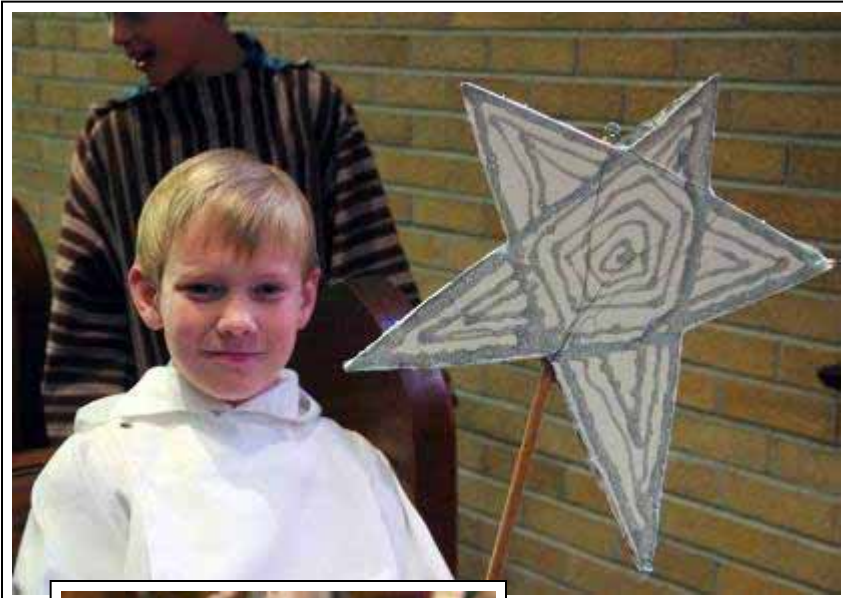
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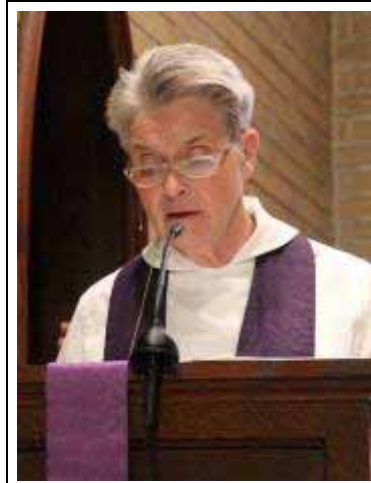
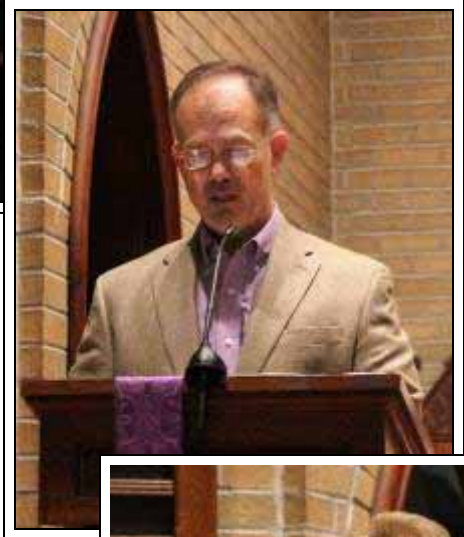
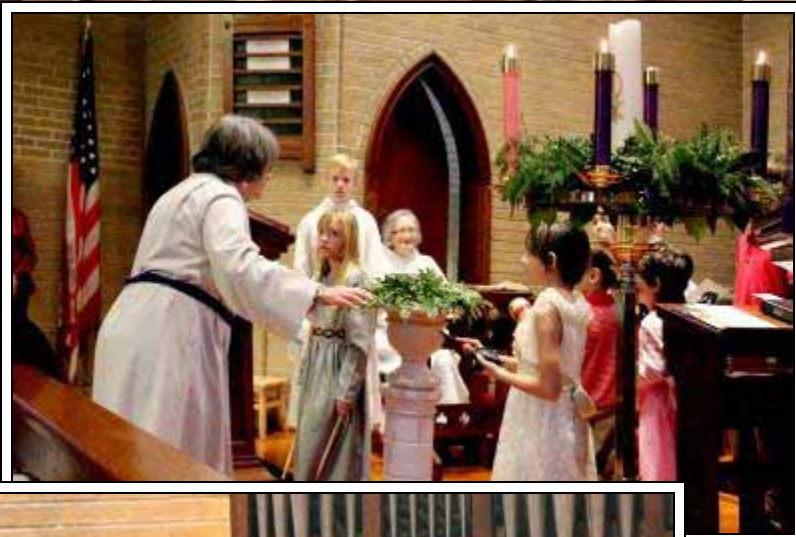
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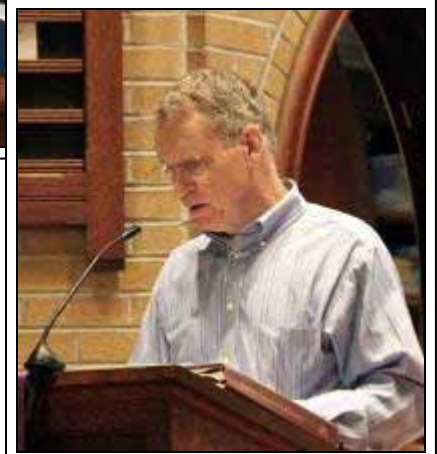
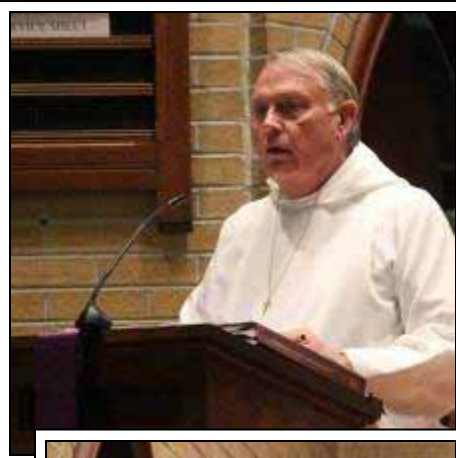




Lessons & Carols

The Promise of the Messiah – The Birth of Jesus
Scripture – Carols – Choral Music – Hymns





ECW Christmas Luncheon





Spiritual Direction - Touching Lives

By Marci Turner

In November, I completed a two year spiritual direction training program, *Journey Partners*, offered by the Center for Ministry of Millsaps College and the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi. Spiritual Direction is a ministry that helps others to recognize God in their lives and to assist them in fostering that relationship. The program helps to cultivate the gift of listening and how to become present with the person seeking direction. Spiritual direction is focusing on the relationship between the Holy Spirit and the person seeking direction. My role as a spiritual director is to guide a person through the challenges of listening to God in prayer and everyday circumstances.



Journey Partners is comprised of six four-day retreats over a period of two years. We met at Gray Center in the months of March, July and November. During the retreats we had large group sessions led by inspirational instructors. The principal instructor was Rev. Wendy Miller, author and Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Formation at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Another inspiration instructor was Rev. Dwight Judy, PhD, author and Professor Emeritus of Spiritual Formation at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

In 2014, when I enlisted in *Journey Partners*, I wasn't sure what to expect. The program was open to clergy, laity and people of various faith traditions. I was placed in a small group where, after attending group instructions, we would meet to discuss what we had learned. During the retreats there was also time for daily worship and the opportunity to get to know others on the same path as myself. Between retreats I was given many reading assignments—plus I learned how to work with individuals seeking help to recognize God's presence.

Journey Partners was hard work but a great joy! I discovered a *passion* that now propels me forward each day. The skills and practices I have learned have helped me in my own life—teaching Children’s Chapel at St. Alban’s and communicating with others that I encounter each day.

As a result of being in *Journey Partners*, I plan to take the next step and enter the *Seminary of the Southwest*, an Episcopal seminary in Austin, Texas. I am so grateful to St. Alban’s for embracing me and my gifts of ministry. It is here where people have seen my gifts, abilities and talents and encouraged me to use them. I have been nurtured to love and care for others by the love I have received. It is in appreciation that I return what has been given to me ten times over to those that are also seeking Christ’s love.

Annual Parish Meeting – January 10th

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 10, 2016. There will be only one celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00 AM. Yearly ministry reports will be presented. Election of a senior warden who will serve a two-year term of office, and two vestry members who will serve a three-year term of office, will take place.

The qualifications for senior warden and vestry are:

- The candidate wants to help lead the St. Alban’s community into a deeper understanding of the life and love that God offers us through Jesus Christ
- The candidate is a confirmed adult communicant
- The candidate gives time, talent, and treasure to maintain and further the ministries of St. Alban’s Church
- The candidate regularly participates in worship

Nomination Forms are available in the Parish House.

† Billie's Corner



I have discovered that the time between Christmas and New Year's Day frequently provided a reprieve from my "to-do" list. Advent and Christmas Day are over; all of my plans and preparations either got done or they didn't. The time between Christmas and New Year's Day offers an opportunity to think—to be quiet in the present moment—to reflect on the past and ponder the future.

Long ago, I gave up on New Year's resolutions. All of my ideal plans for self-improvement never went much further than the end of the first week of January. This year I didn't spend time orchestrating plans for the coming year for I had noticed a word that kept reappearing in my life. There was no pattern to the appearance of this word—I just heard it or read it in random circumstances. The word was "*re-member*"—to put back together, to reunite, to rejoin.

I heard "re-member" used during a discussion group I participated in at St. Philip's Church in Jackson. The facilitator referred to "piecing back together fragments of our memories" in order to see how the past continues to influence the way we encounter events in our lives. After returning home from the discussion group, I researched "re-member" on the internet. I came across the lyrics of a song that included: "*Re-member, Re-member, the broken body of Christ.*" I certainly know that to be true because every time we individually approach the altar to receive the Bread of Life we are "re-membered" into the one Body of Christ.

Later, I was reading a sermon by Brother Curtis Almquist (Society of Saint John the Evangelist) and once again I bumped into the word "re-member." Brother Almquist described "re-membering" as what happens when reconciliation takes place. We are "re-membered" to each other when we experience forgiveness and reconciliation. To forgive is not to forget but rather to "re-member" what had been dismembered.

As the New Year begins I'm not setting out on a purposeful quest to "re-member." I am simply asking God to make me alert to the possibilities to "re-member" and to give me the grace to "re-member" that which needs to be put back together, reunited, rejoined.

In Peace

Billie+

† Josie's Journal

A Year in Review

- **January 16-18, Greenwood**—Spent weekend with Amy–Jill Levine, New Testament professor, scholar and author, at Church of the Nativity
- **February 6-8, Jackson**—Served as delegate and on the resolution committee at Council
- **March, St. Alban's**—Presented *Stations of the Cross* on Fridays during Lent. Had the opportunity to train Peter to carry the small cross and walk the stations
- **April 19, Greenwood**—Served as Bishop Seage's Chaplain at Church of the Nativity. The chaplain carries the crozier, assists in administering communion and dismisses the people
- **May 13-16, Gray Center**—Served as Spiritual Advisor to the Cursillo participants and served as deacon during the liturgy
- **June 6, Kosciusko**—*Kosciusko Fourth Day*, workshop and reunion of participants who worship and eat together. Most recent participants are the focus of the workshop. All are fed with the body of Christ and the cup of salvation
- **July 21-26, Gray Center**—*Mississippi Church Conference on Music and Liturgy*. Participants presented Evensong at St. Philips Episcopal Church and St. Andrew's Cathedral
- **August 15, Canton**—Day on the Diaconate at Grace Church. Counseled people who are considering a call to the diaconate. Those interested have the opportunity to visit with deacons and their spouses to ask questions and get the "feel" for the process
- **September 19, A. C. Marble School at Gray Center**—Visited with the postulants to the diaconate. We had lunch together and discussed the role of the deacon
- **October 12-15, Gray Center**—Clergy Conference. The opening dinner highlighted by the diocesan and Gray Center staff served as waiters. The Dean of the Convocation introduced new clergy. The conference ended with the Eucharist on Thursday where all clergy renew their ordination vows
- **November 14, Gray Center**—ECW Conference at Gray Center. Bishop Key Sloan formerly of Vicksburg was the speaker

Your Deacon,
Josie+

Schedule of Events

Weekly Activities & Services

Church Office Hours

Monday–Wednesday: 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sunday

Eucharist, 8:30 & 11:00 AM
 Adult Sunday School, 10:00 AM
 Choir Practice, Nave, 10:00 AM

Tuesday

Create & Carry, Parish House, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Wednesday

12 Steps to Spiritual Wholeness Meeting, 7:00 AM
 Centering Prayer Support Group, 8:30 AM
 Healing Service & Eucharist, 6:00 PM
 Choir Practice following the Healing Service

Thursday

Cursillo Grouping, Noon
 Bible & More Discussion Group, Parish House, 6:00–8:00 PM

Sunday, January 3—*The Feast of Epiphany*. Children will present an Epiphany Pageant at the 11:00 AM Eucharist

Wednesday, January 6—Quiet Day, *Come In, Light a Candle, Say a Prayer, Be Still, Leave in Peace*, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 10—Annual Parish Meeting. PLEASE NOTE: ONE EUCHARIST AT 10:00 AM. Annual ministry reports. Election of senior warden & two vestry members. Potluck luncheon

Sunday, January 10—*Second Sundays at St. Mary's*, Bolton, 4:00 PM

Saturday, January 16—ECW Meeting, Parish House, 9:30 AM (tentative)

Sunday, January 17 & Sunday, January 24, Confirmation Preparation Class, Parish House 10:00 AM

Friday, January 22–Sunday, January 24—Walter Brueggeman, world renowned Old Testament Scholar & Theologian, will speak at weekend event entitled *The Prophetic Imagination: Judgment & Hope*, The Episcopal Church of the Nativity in Greenwood

Friday, January 29–Sunday, January 31—Diocese of Mississippi Annual Council, Biloxi

Sunday, January 31—Morning Prayer. No Children's Chapel or Adult Sunday School

Sunday, February 14—Bishop Brian Seage's Annual Visitation. Meet & Greet, Parish House, 9:00 AM. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Confirmations, 10:00 AM. Potluck luncheon following the service.

Wednesday, February 10—Ash Wednesday. Eucharist & Distribution of Ashes, noon and 6:00 PM

January Birthdays

3 Lynda Hubbard	20 Austin Sumrall
4 Richard Selby	26 Anna Selby
8 Mary Carleton	27 Betsy Selby
12 Hannah Huntley	29 Heaven Leigh Merritt
16 Joy Brabston	Susan Price
Sadie Williamson	30 David McLaughlin
17 Sergio Panelo	31 Robert Ulmer
19 Kenon Ruska	

January Anniversaries

27 Bo & Kristen Gayle	27 Stanley & Deborah Lee
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Prayers for the People

For those Sick or in Need:



Betty Biedenbarn	Dalton Glatt	Rachelle Ferris
Kathy Gergo	Catherine Riggs	Jim & Sherry Horan
Bertha Kolb	Lucas Guynes	Jim Dantin
Parker Ramsay	Linda & Jim Dooley	Millie Gassaway
Barbara Ramsay	Jackson Monti	Caroline Nations
Glenda Ferguson	Mary Ruth Jones	Bare Ahner
Charlie Brantley & Family	Ann Hanks	Clyde Smith
Bob & Yvette	Tori Meyers	Karen Bates
Walker Biedenbarn	Frances Weissinger	Suzanne Harpole
Larry Lambiotte	Dan & Mary Carleton	Margie Scott
Richard Massey	Dale Gibson	Norma Jones
Dick Taylor	Lawrence Fields	Bob Bell
Louise Gray	Damion Hansford	Mary Ellen Flowers
Libby Mulloy	Richard Stone	Natalie Bailess
Erin Worthy	Mat Mitchell	Desi Leeann Eaton
Bill & Liz Curtis	Peace in Syria	

Lurgical Schedule—Sundays in January

	January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
	<i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i>	<i>First Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>Second Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>Third Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany</i>
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Isaiah 43:1-7	Isaiah 62:1-5	Nehemiah 8:1-3,	Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm	84	29	36:5-10	19	71:1-6
Second Reading	Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19	Acts 8:14-17	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	1 Corinthians 12:12-31	1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Gospel	Luke 2:41-52	Luke 3:15-17, 21	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 4:21-30
	One Eucharist 10:00 AM Annual Parish Meeting				Morning Prayer
Lay Worship Leader					
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Skinner		Harvey Smith	Theo Williams	Tommy Skinner
11:00 a.m.	Theo Williams	David Pruett	Betsy Selby	Richard Price	Betsy Selby
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Shelnut	Ann Tompkins		Susan Price	
Crucifer & Acolyte	Koury Collins Canada Stewart	Jennifer Normand	Beth Guynes Sunny Faith Heaven Leigh	Ann Tompkins	
Banner Bearer		Theo Williams Holy Spirit Kite	Lawson Selby		
Gospel Bearer	Rev. Josie	Rev. Josie	Gabby Rushing	Rev. Josie	
Torch Bearer			Sam & Gloria Hall		
Lector					
8:30 a.m.	Bitsy Segrest		Bitsy Segrest	Bitsy Segrest	
11:00 a.m.	Ed Shelnut	Mary Carleton	Canada Stewart	Susan Price	
Prayers of the People	Sharon Hanks	Bruce Carleton	Rev. Josie	Herb Jones	
Oblation Bearers	Anita Collins Janice Herrington	Ann Tompkins David Normand	Sam Hall Gloria Hall	Becky Drake Betty Rushing	
Ushers & Greeters	Sara Margaret Dalton Thames	Dan Carleton Allan Leese	Peter Williams Kerri Williams	Lance Stewart Margaret Stewart	
Our Father	Canada Stewart		Peter Williams	Peter Williams	
Altar Guild	Cassandra Price Beth Guynes	Sharon Hanks Betty Rushing	Mary Ann Wright Margo Massey	Ann Tompkins Beth Sojourner	Kerri Williams Judy Morrissey
Coffee Host	Cynthia Strawn Billie Abraham Bonnie Pruett	Potluck Luncheon	Peter Williams Butch Mitchell Kristi Hall	Mary Ruth & Herb Joan & Rymn	Coffee No Refreshments
Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	No Children's Chapel	Children's Eucharist	Betsy Selby Betty Rushing	No Children's Chapel
Offertory Counters	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Janice Herrington	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Jennifer Normand	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Sharon Hanks	Rymn Parsons Ann Tompkins Theo Williams	Ann Tompkins
Healing Service	January 6 Ann Tompkins	January 13 Tommy Skinner	January 20 Theo Williams	January 27 Tommy Skinner	