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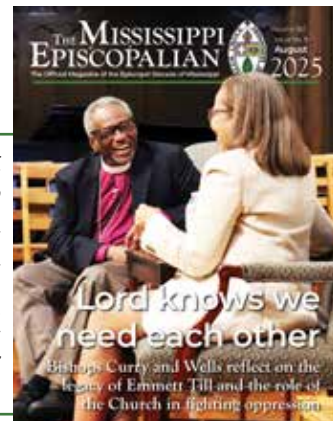
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Bishop's Journal

July 2025

- 1** Staff Meeting
Meetings with Staff Members
- 2** Conference Call with
Communications Team,
Presiding Bishop's Office
- 3** Visit to Camp Bratton-Green –
Primary Camp
I have enjoyed sharing time
with our Camp groups
- and am so grateful to
our session directors, our
permanent staff, our other
staffers, the families who
entrust campers with us
every year - and to the
amazing Chip Davis, our
Executive Director, and his
incredible wife and co-
Director, Cathy, who keep
it all humming smoothly!
Added bonus was getting
to see the Pastor family,
former parishioners
from St. George's Church,
Germantown! Until next
summer! Thanks, everyone!!
- 8** Staff Meeting
Meetings with Staff Members
- 9** Meeting with clergyperson
Travel to Oxford, MS
Meeting with St. Peter's Church
Vestry
- 10** Travel to Jackson, MS
Meeting with Vestry
Meeting re: affordable housing

- 11** Travel to Cleveland, MS
Officiate clergy funeral (the Rev.
Julia Moore)
- 14** Bishop's sabbath
- 15** Staff Meeting
Meetings with Staff Members
- 16** Meetings with clergypersons
- 17** Meeting with retired
clergyperson
Meeting with CPA firm
- 18** Meet with staff person
Visit Special Camp II; celebrate
Poolcharist
- 19** Traveled to England
- 20-27** Choir residency at Durham
Cathedral



I am eternally grateful to
Calvary Church Choir for
letting me join them on their
residency at Durham
Cathedral. This first week in
England has been such a gift.
Worship each day has been
unbelievably wonderful (And
yes, I did sing one Evensong

service!)) Thank you to the
ever-so-talented Kristin
Lensch for so much hard
work on this program (We're
all indebted to you!!)



- 28** Heading south to York and York
Minster - and another week filled
with worship!
- 30** I began this day on which we
commemorate the life of
William Wilberforce at
Eucharist in the Lady Chapel
at York Minster. Light poured
into the East Window. William
Wilberforce helped shine the
light on the injustice of slavery.
On what need in the world is
God calling each of us to shine
a light?
Noon Eucharist today was
at St. Martin's Church - a
site dating back to the 15th
century. The church was

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bombed during an air raid in April 1942. Miraculously, the 15th century St. Martin window had been removed and was preserved; it was reinstalled when the church was restored in 1968. One of its sister parishes, St. Helen, is just a short distance away.

Evening Prayer service on this visit to York Minster was one of my absolute favorites (and the prelude was a series of variations on that magnificent Howells hymn tune). This week has been a gift. Until next time, York Minster.

4 Traveled home.



(August 2025)

2 A fabulous week in York...much worship and prayer, a beautiful Evensong, a wonderful organ recital, a great visit to the Heritage Festival, a bit of reading and writing, making great new friends, and a few fabulous meals...the week has been full and good.

3 Today was truly a mountaintop experience. I am so grateful for (and still so humbled by) the invitation to preach at York Minster. So many thanks to Dean Dominic Barrington and all of the clergy team for such a warm welcome and such tremendous hospitality all week. This is an experience I won't ever forget. (Photo from livestream of service.)

Preached

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and
chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

It seems only fitting that the
closing hymn of my last

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As temperatures rise



Redeemer, Greenville reads to expand understanding of climate crisis

by Barabara Moton

The Church of the Redeemer in Greenville added another flavor to its coffee hour by participating in reading *Before the Streetlights Come On*, a group effort suggested by our Supply Priest, Rev. Joe Porter. The book outlines Black America's urgent call for climate solutions. The joint reading collaboration proved to be an eye opening and enriching experience. This powerful book, filled with stories of resilience, community, and faith sparked colorful discussion, conversation and personal reflections within our group.

The author, Heather McTeer Toney, a native of Greenville is the first female and the first African American Mayor of the city, presented the facts on climate change and social justice issues dressed in history, humor and hope. Heather is a former federally appointed employee of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Obama Administration.

Beginning in the month of May, we gathered to discuss the chapters, exploring the challenges and triumphs faced by the author and communities she wrote about. Through scripture and shared dialogue, we connected the theme of the book to our personal lives and spiritual journeys. It reminded us of the importance of guidance, accountability, the power of mentorship and taking appropriate action.

The setting where we gathered to discuss the book gave each participant a safe space where our discussions were open and honest. We were able to share and receive information while being guided by the author as she brilliantly describes the real impact and politics of climate change at the community level.

Reading *Before the Streetlights Come On* with our church community was more than just a literary activity – it was a deeply meaningful way to engage our faith, foster unity, and inspire hope.

This is a must read; it affects all of us, but doesn't affect all of us equally. The language is clear, easy to understand and everything is broken down in everyday terminology.

Redeemer appreciates Father Porter for his leadership on this informative and necessary journey as we strive to be good stewards of our Heavenly Father's Creation. 🌍



Lord knows we need each other

Bishops Curry and Wells reflect on the legacy of Emmett Till and the role of the Church in fighting oppression

by Wil Oakes, adapted from an article by Melodie Woerman and published by Episcopal News Service (original article at msepiscopalian.com/ens-till-article)

The weekend of August 9th and 10th was a busy one at St. Andrew's Cathedral. A backpack blessing brought young students to the altar with their back-to-school gear. A concert by Rev. CJ Meaders of St. Columb's, Ridgeland filled the parish hall with joyful noise.

In the midst of it all was an attempt to reckon with a dark but important anniversary in Mississippi's history—the August 28, 1955 murder of Emmett Till. That killing, which captured the attention of the nation 70 years ago and galvanized the Civil Rights Movement, was the inspiration for two events over the weekend.

On Saturday, Bishop Dorothy Wells presented a day-long workshop titled “The History of Us: White, Black and Together in the United States,” a program she developed during her years in the Diocese of West Tennessee. The next day, Bishop Wells was joined by former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry for “Yet With a Steady Beat,” in which the two bishops had a conversation on the legacy of Till's murder in Mississippi and the United States.

Both events drew capacity crowds. On Sunday afternoon, the pews of the Cathedral were full and played host to many clergy and Episcopalians as well as visitors from a variety of faiths. Recently inaugurated Jackson mayor John Horhn sat in the front row.

Once the crowd was settled, Bishops Curry and Wells took their seats and, after a welcome from the Rev. Anne Maxwell, dean of the Cathedral, they recounted Till's story.

Till, a Chicago boy who was visiting his great uncle in Money, Mississippi, went with his cousins to buy snacks from a store owned by Roy and Carolyn Bryant, who were white. Someone in the store said Till whistled at Carolyn Bryant while making his purchase, which prompted her husband and his half-brother to kidnap Till from his uncle's home that night. They later beat and shot him and threw him into the Tallahatchie River, and his mutilated body was found three days later. The men were acquitted of the murder by an all-white, all-male jury.



Growing up in Buffalo, New York, as the child of parents raised in North Carolina and Alabama, Curry recalled seeing in *Jet* magazine the photo of Till in his open casket. Dissemination of the image was endorsed by his mother Mamie Till-Mobley, who said at the time, “Let the world see what I’ve seen.”

That image “shook people of decency and goodwill of all races,” Curry said, where reports of other lynchings across the South hadn’t. The image meant that memories of what happened to Till, whom Curry called a martyr, wouldn’t be forgotten.

“It was a defining moment, to a great extent, for the civil rights movement,” he added, making it not only an important moment for Mississippi but for the entire nation, and especially for America’s Black communities. When Rosa Parks helped initiate the anti-segregation bus boycott in Montgomery, Alabama, in December 1955, she thought of Till as she did so.

Wells said that when she visited the Emmett Till Interpretive Center in Sumner, Mississippi, in April 2024, she found it “gut-wrenching” to think of the fear and pain Till experienced after being abducted. “Everything his mother feared had come to pass,” she said.

Grappling with the mindset of Till’s attackers, Wells wondered, “How do we get to a point in our world where our sense of care for one another is just absent, that you could look at a 14-year-old boy and think, ‘We know we’re going to kill him’?”

After a pause, Curry mentioned the 1945 novel *Invisible Man* by the Harlem-based author Ralph Ellison,



in which he wrote, “I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me.”

Calling it “one of the most significant books ever written,” he said its description of the dynamic of invisibility means “if someone is invisible, if they’re just a number or a collection, then what you might never do to an individual if you saw them as a person ... all of a sudden the unthinkable becomes possible.”

This dynamic wasn’t just at work in the Jim Crow South, he added, but also in the forced removal of Native Americans from their lands in the United States and Nazi Germany’s massacre of Jews, gypsies, and LGBTQ+ persons.

“That’s how otherwise good, decent people, very often church-going or family people, can be complicit or look away or choose not to know and not to see,” Curry said.

While the subject matter was heavy and the reflection deep, the conversation between Curry and Wells was not

without moments of levity. The former Presiding Bishop peppered his scholarly and passionate remarks with jokes and playful stories.

Ultimately, his message hinged on the idea that the church must strive to bring out the “better angels” of its people with an approach simultaneously pragmatic and idealistic, and pursue that path even when progress is set back, as it inevitably will be, by evil forces.

“Don’t give up and don’t quit,” he said. “Keep going to church. Keep going to church, synagogue, mosque, wherever. Go somewhere that gets you close to God, because we can’t do it by ourselves. We need God and Lord knows we need each other.” 🙏

The full recording of Yet With a Steady Beat can be viewed on St. Andrew’s Cathedral’s youtube channel by visiting standrews.ms/till-stream.



Left: Wells and Curry chat with Cathedral Dean Anne Maxwell after the event. Above: the livestream of the conversation is available at standrews.ms/till-stream

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A pilgrimage



Former presiding bishop joins pilgrims in Alabama 60 years after Jonathan Daniels' death

by Shireen Korkzan
reprinted from Episcopal News Service

This month marks 60 years since Episcopal seminarian Jonathan Myrick Daniels was killed while trying to protect a Black teenager from gunfire during the Civil Rights Movement. Remembering Daniels and his sacrifice has become a focal point of the Diocese of Alabama's racial justice efforts, and over the weekend, former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry joined the diocese's annual pilgrimage honoring Daniels.

"We remember the martyrs and Jonathan [Daniels] ... what they stood for in our lives and to help change this world," Curry told hundreds of pilgrims Aug. 9 while preaching inside the Lowndes County Courthouse in Hayneville, Alabama.

Systemic racism today is commonly understood as the often unacknowledged and historically rooted bias and discrimination found in the U.S. criminal justice system, employment, housing, education access, health care and other areas. During the 20th century, activists like Daniels fought against the legacy of racism in those

systems and for basic liberties like Black Americans' right to vote.

"No question, [civil rights] is a long-distance run—it's a marathon," Curry said during a press conference ahead of the Alabama pilgrimage.

Since 1998, the Birmingham-based diocese has honored Daniels and the 13 other known Alabama martyrs by organizing an annual pilgrimage to Hayneville with support from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, which includes the southern half of Alabama and the Florida Panhandle. The pilgrimage usually takes place on or around Daniels' Episcopal feast day, Aug. 14. More than 300 Episcopalians and civil rights activists registered to take part in this year's pilgrimage, including Episcopal clergy, seminarians and lay people, as well as civil rights activists.

Daniels was a white seminarian at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts—today the New York City-based Episcopal Divinity School—who hailed from Keene, New Hampshire. On Aug. 20, 1965, he was shot and killed by Tom Coleman, a white part-time special deputy sheriff, while Daniels was

trying to protect Ruby Sales, a Black teenage civil rights activist, from gunfire. He was 26 years old.

“Jonathan Daniels gave his life to protect another person, but he really, like all of the martyrs in our history, was someone who gave his life for the cause of others to make our nation truly reflect the founding ideals ... a new nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men—all people—are created equal,” Curry said during the press conference.

The evening before the pilgrimage, on Aug. 8, a group of youth pilgrims gathered at Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Montgomery for fellowship and to learn more about the Civil Rights Movement.

Episcopal Divinity School also hosted the livestreamed “Walk With Me” vigil at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Montgomery. The Rev. Kelly Brown Douglas, canon theologian of Washington National Cathedral, and Ashley M. Jones, Alabama’s poet laureate, spoke during the vigil, which honored Daniels and other martyrs who were killed in Alabama during the Civil Rights Movement.

“Jonathan Daniels wasn’t afraid of failure. He failed forward, towards the cross,” Douglas said during the vigil.

Daniels was actively involved in civil rights work while in seminary. In the days before his death, while attending the ninth annual Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Birmingham, he met Richard Morrisroe,

a white Catholic priest who had marched with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in Chicago, Illinois, and Selma, Alabama. After the conference, on Aug. 14, Daniels and Morrisroe joined a group of protesters in Fort Deposit, Alabama, to picket whites-only stores. All of the protesters were arrested and jailed in Hayneville.

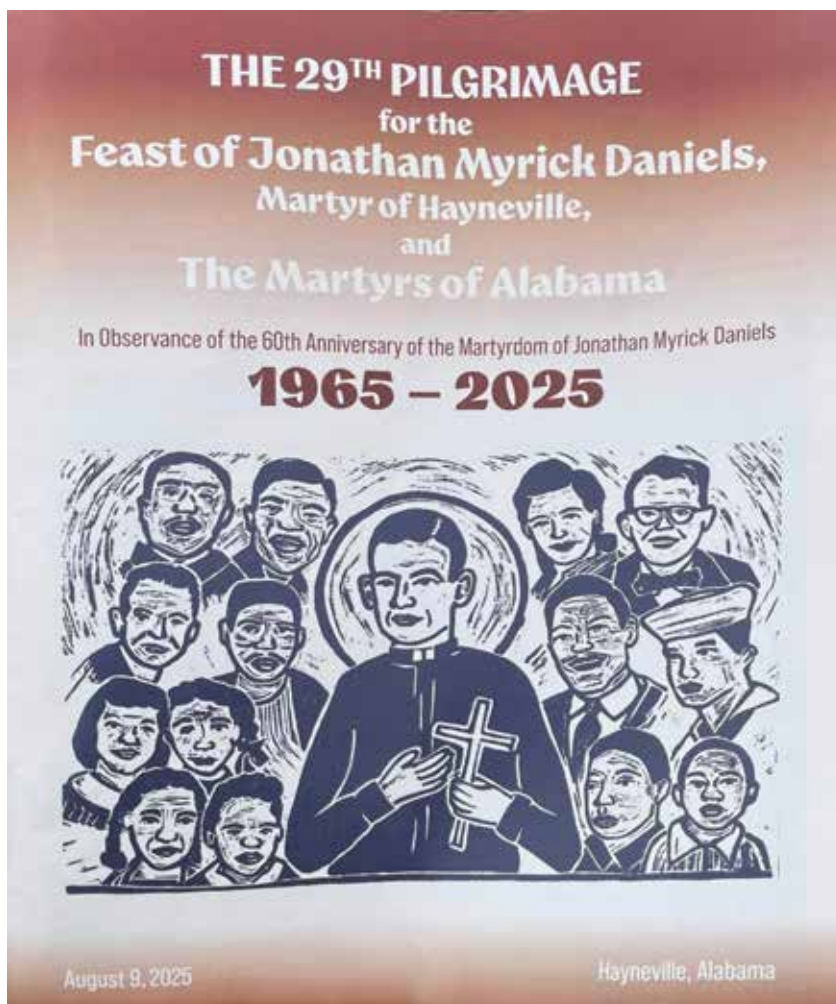
When they were released from jail on Aug. 20, Daniels and Morrisroe accompanied two Black teenage

protesters, Sales and Joyce Bailey, to nearby Varner’s Cash Store to purchase beverages. As they neared the store, Coleman blocked the doorway and attempted to shoot the teenagers. Daniels shielded Sales from Coleman’s shotgun blast, taking the fatal blow himself. Morrisroe grabbed Bailey and they ran off together. Morrisroe was shot in the back but survived.

Like previous years, this year’s pilgrimage began with prayer at the Lowndes County

Courthouse square before the pilgrims marched to the old county jail where Daniels was detained. The procession continued to the site of the old Varner’s Cash Store site—now an insurance agency office—and ended back at the courthouse, where an all-white jury had tried and acquitted Coleman of manslaughter charges. The pilgrims sang, prayed and reflected throughout the march. Some people read passages from scripture and Charles W. Eagles’ book, “Outside Agitator: Jon Daniels and the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama.”

While in front of the site of the old Varner’s Cash



Store—where a memorial marker detailing Daniels' martyrdom now stands—the pilgrims were invited to kneel while praying and reflecting.

Many of the pilgrims entered the courthouse for worship, while others watched a livestream of the service from outside. Curry preached and celebrated. Alabama Bishop Glenda S. Curry and Central Gulf Coast Bishop Russell Kendrick assisted. During the service, several of the youth pilgrims sat in front of the pews holding large posters with photos and names of the 14 martyrs; they stood during a reading of the martyrs' names.

The offering received during the service was designated to support the Lowndes County Board of Education Scholarship Fund, which provides scholarship opportunities to graduating students at Lowndes County High School.

Also during the service, Lowndes County District

Judge Adrian Johnson welcomed the pilgrims, acknowledging that “this is the site of many injustices.” He noted that most Hayneville residents today are Black, and juries today reflect the demographics.

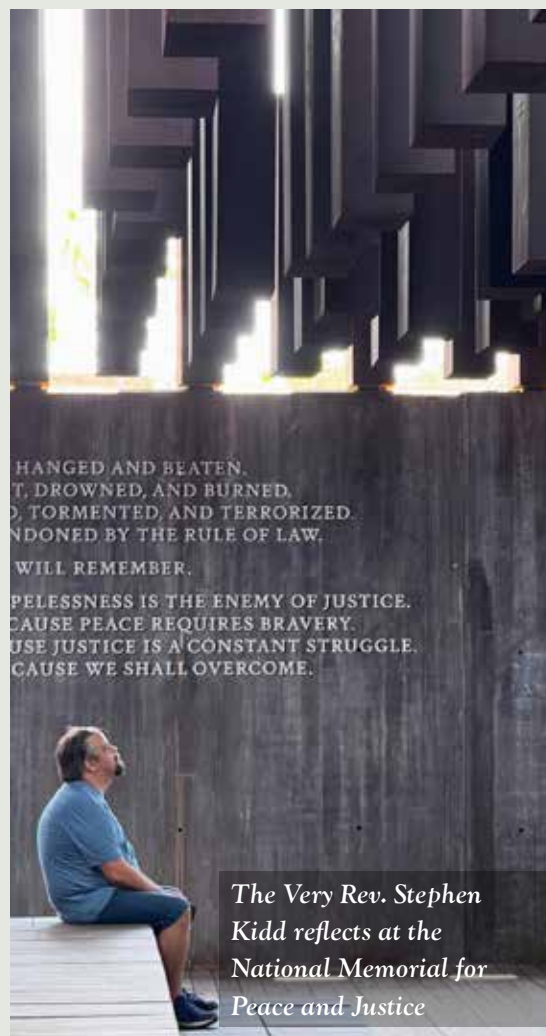
“But it was only because of the struggles—the efforts of those who had to persevere,” Johnson said. “I hope the experience that you have taken away from here, you take back to your community and understand that ... we love one another.”

Michael Curry and Glenda Curry both said Episcopalians need to continue to advocate for civil rights and systemic change in their communities, continuing Daniels' legacy.

“If all of us could follow [Daniels'] example, maybe we would follow Jesus and then follow something life-giving and then find on the other side of it work we never thought about doing,” Glenda Curry said. 🌿

Mississippians on the Pilgrimage

Mississippi was well represented at the Daniels Pilgrimage events and made their own trips to nearby Civil Rights sites like the Freedom Monument in Montgomery and the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Among the pilgrims were (pictured below, L to R): Rev. Jane Bearden, Rev. Elisabeth Malphurs, Rev. Mary Howard King, Rev. Susannah Grubs-Carr, Rev. Bruce Case, Rev. C.J. Meaders, Rev. Andy Andrews, Olivia Kidd, Rev. Ed Bacon, the Very Rev. Stephen Kidd, and (not pictured) Debra Kassoff.



The Very Rev. Stephen Kidd reflects at the National Memorial for Peace and Justice



Recovered

by Doug MacCullagh, Sr. Warden and Historian, and the Rev. Jane Bearden, Interim Rector, St. Patrick's, Long Beach

August 29, 2025 will mark the twentieth anniversary of the landfall of Hurricane Katrina. Like Camille in 1969, Katrina wreaked havoc on beach-front churches as well as homes and businesses along the coast. While not the deadliest in US history—the Galveston hurricane of 1920 takes that title—Katrina remains the costliest because of its sheer expanse and record setting tidal surge with subsequent flooding. The Episcopal Church on the Coast saw six of its ten church buildings reduced to slabs. While much of the Coast has recovered there are still, twenty years later, pockets of empty buildings, for sale signs on vacant lots, and ruined billboards. The toll taken by the storm was not limited to physical destruction—Katrina took an emotional toll, too. Talking with residents who stayed on the Coast after Katrina one quickly realizes that there is still residual trauma.

Each of the congregations has stories of destruction for sure, but there are also stories of recovery. Altar guilds and vestries had removed some of the liturgical vessels and linens before the storm, but stained glass windows, organs, pews, chalices, patens, and crosses were all



Treasure

tossed about and buried under the salty mud. Afterward parishioners returned to try to save any reminder of the church community they could find. Each discovery was a triumph. Here is the story of one such find and the value it holds for members of the parish both past and present.

In a niche in the present day St. Patrick's office is an alabaster statue of Mother Mary. This statue is the oldest piece of the church's history in existence and it is the only relic that survived two class 5 hurricanes.

The story begins some 55 years ago in a small seaside town of Long Beach, Mississippi. The statue of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, was bought in Europe and donated to St. Patrick's by parish members Fred Shusted and Harold Toop. It was present in the original St. Patrick's building at 200 East Beach Blvd. when Hurricane Camille struck the Coast and destroyed the church building. In the aftermath of the storm, Harold Toop walked the church grounds trying to recover any remnant that might not have been washed out to sea. By chance he spotted Mother Mary's praying hands sticking up out of the mud. Miracle of all miracles, he reached down and recovered the statue intact.

When the new brick and concrete church was built, a special niche was provided in the back wall of the chancel for Mary. Later, when the church moved to 452 West



Beach Blvd, Mary was moved into a lighted niche carved in the reredos. By this time, the statue had become a unifying holy symbol of perseverance and resilience in the face of loss for the congregation.

Years went by, hurricanes came and hurricanes went, and St Patrick's with Mother Mary watching from her place behind the altar flourished. In the summer of 2005 who could have known that parish life and possessions were about to be upended by the impending storm?

As Hurricane Katrina approached, altar guild directress Kitty MacCullagh organized the packing up of altar guild materials so that they could be evacuated. She included the statue of Mary in one of the Rubbermaid totes—her “go boxes”—along with the silver set. Her effort to protect the sacred vessels meant that at least some of those valuable objects would survive, Mother Mary included. A church is of course more than a building. A church is a congregation, coming together to laugh, to pray, to worship, and to share Eucharist. The small alabaster statue would come to remind those who remained on the Coast that they were and are a community of hope.

Katrina took everything to a watery grave. The only things remaining on the beachfront property now are concrete and memories. In the aftermath of the

storm, St. Patrick's relocated inland. The new buildings focused on a multipurpose parish hall and worship space, including a separate section referred to as the chapel. A reredos in the chapel, lighted from behind by large windows, included a niche for the alabaster statue of Mother Mary. However, when St. Patrick's leased its office and classroom wing for the Emerge Center training facility for the blind, the chapel was converted to the church office. Mary is no longer easily visible to the congregation of St. Patrick's.

The vestry and altar guild now want to create a new niche for Mary in the wall near the entrance doors so that everyone who enters will see her watching over the congregation with love. The niche design will need to protect the statue from getting accidentally bumped or dislodged. We welcome any recommendation of a craftsman willing and able to tackle the project.

Plans are in motion to pause and to remember on this 20th anniversary. More information on the details of the Service of Remembering will be available soon. It is our prayer that we never face another devastating hurricane, but it is likely that we will. If and when another storm comes Mother Mary will keep on reminding us that even in the mess left by the storm, God is present calming our fear and giving us hope. 🙏

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The Rev. Dcn. Susan Martindale Clay Disharoon, 90,
having served St. James', Port Gibson and Christ
Church, Vicksburg, died July 6, 2025.

The Rev. Dr. Julia Gilbert Moore, 87, having served
All Saints', Inverness; Calvary Cleveland; St. James',
Greenville; Grace, Rosedale, Advent Sumner; and as
Dean of the Delta Convocation for 10 years, died July 6,
2025.

Billy Joe "BJ" Montgomery, 81, communicant of St.
Paul's, Columbus, died July 15, 2025.

Stephen Derek Johnson, 78, communicant of St.
James's, Jackson, died July 16, 2025.

David Allan "Stick" Young, 62, communicant of Nativity,
Greenwood, died July 18, 2025.

Ann Freeman Mead, 90, communicant of St. John's,
Ocean Springs, and wife of the late Rev. Alfred Mead, Jr.,
died July 22, 2025.

Deployment Report

Churches seeking full or part-time clergy

Redeemer, Brookhaven

Calvary, Cleveland

St. James, Jackson

Trinity, Natchez

St. Paul's, Meridian

St. Peter's, Oxford

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg

Church of the Nativity, Water Valley

Churches seeking supply clergy

Good Shepherd, Columbus

Christ Church, Holly Springs

All Saints, Jackson

St. Christopher's, Jackson

St. Mark's, Jackson

St. Matthew's, Kosciusko

Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry

All Saints, Tupelo

Holy Trinity, Vicksburg

Church of the Nativity, Water Valley

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Diocesan Calendar

Diocesan meetings continue by Zoom unless otherwise noted. Though the Diocesan Staff works in a hybrid model (office and home), the Allin House is staffed daily, M-F, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

August

- 23** Coldwater Convocation Altar Guild mtg, St. Peter's, Oxford
- 23** Old River Convocation Altar Guild mtg, Mediator, McComb
- 24** Bishop Wells visits St. John's, Ocean Springs
- 27** Bishop Wells visits Ascension, Hattiesburg
- 30** Emmett Till Commemorative Event, Drew
- 30** Immigrant Alliance for Justice and Equity Interfaith Breakfast, The Westin, Jackson, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- 31** Bishop Wells visits Holy Trinity, Vicksburg

September

- 2** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 4** Beloved Community Monthly Gathering, 12:00 noon
- 5-7** Cursillo
- 7** Bishop Wells visits Holy Cross, Olive Branch
- 7-8** Fresh Start, Camp Bratton-Green, Rose Hill
- 9-16** House of Bishops Meeting (with Spouses), Coral Costa Caribe Resort, Dominican Republic
- 12-13** A. C. Marble School, Online
- 15** The Mississippi Episcopalian Deadline
- 18** Finance Committee, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson
- 20** Capital Day of Pride, Jackson
- 21** Convocational Youth Delegate Elections, Online, 4:00 p.m.
- 25** Executive Committee, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 28** Bishop Wells visits Christ Church, Bay St. Louis
- 28** Bishop Wells visits St. Thomas, Diamondhead
- 28** Recovery Awareness Sunday

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October

- 2** Beloved Community Monthly Gathering, 12:00 noon
- 3-4** CBG Alumni Weekend, Camp Bratton-Green
- 4** 2025 ECW Conference, St. Christopher's, Jackson
- 5** Bishop Wells visits St. Paul's, Corinth
- 7** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 10-11** A. C. Marble School, Online
- 12** Bishop Wells visits All Saints', Inverness
- 12** Bishop Wells visits St. John's, Leland
- 13-17** Voluntary Proportionate Giving
- 15** 1% Seminary Support Due
- 15** The Mississippi Episcopalian Deadline
- 17** Jr. High DOY, Camp Bratton-Green
- 18** Commission on Ministry, Allin House, Jackson, 11:30am - 3:30pm
- 19** Bishop Wells visits Epiphany, Tunica
- 20-22** Clergy Conference, Jackson
- 22** Standing Committee, Allin House, Jackson, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 23** Trustees Meeting, Allin House, Jackson
- 26** Bishop Wells visits St. Paul's, Picayune

November

- 1** Bishop Wells visits All Saints', Jackson
- 2** Bishop Wells visits All Saints', Tupelo
- 4** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- 6** Beloved Community Monthly Gathering, 12:00 noon
- 7-9** Staff Training for Happening #99, St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Gulfport
- 7-8** A. C. Marble School, Solomon Center
- 9** Bishop Wells visits St. Mary's, Enterprise
- 17** The Mississippi Episcopalian Deadline
- 16** Bishop Wells visits St. Matthew's, Kosciusko
- 20** Deadline for Lay Leadership Relicensing
- 21-23** Happening #99, St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Gulfport
- 26-28** Allin House closed for Thanksgiving



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Rev. Stephen Kidd of St. Mark's, Gulfport and his daughter Olivia Kidd pose with the Most Rev. Michael Curry during the Pilgrimage for the Feast of Jonathan Myrick Haynes in Alabama. To read more about the pilgrimage and the Mississippians who attended, see page 8.