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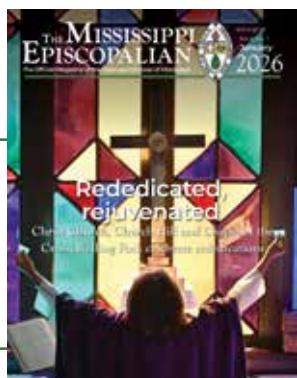
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Bishop's Journal

December 2025

2 Staff Meeting
Meetings with Staff Members
Small Church Collaborative
Virtual Meeting
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Meeting

3-5 Travel to Camp McDowell,
Alabama for the Province IV
Bishops and Canons
Meeting
A productive meeting with
the Canons and Bishops
of Province IV at Camp
McDowell.

5 Travel to Jackson/Camp
Bratton Green for our
Ministry Exploration
Gathering

5-6 Ministry Exploration Gathering
with the chance to meet the
discerners

6 We celebrate St. Nicholas of
Myra today - and we
recall the accounts of
his generosity and care
for neighbors, especially
the most vulnerable. The
accounts of his ministry
teach us how to see the
need around us, to respond
to the need, and to help
neighbors understand
their own role in caring for
one another. Some of the
most revered accounts
of his ministry involve him
caring for

children in harm's way - and
admonishing those who
would harm the children
while inviting them to see
another way. Grateful to be
sharing this day and the
example of St. Nicholas with
discerners in our diocese.

7 My visitation was at Grace
Church, Carrollton - where
a lovely gathering of
worshippers greeted me.
The delicious brunch was
hosted by the Carrolls,
and the day was delightful!
#sograteful

8 Bishop's sabbath

9 Staff Meeting
Meetings with staff members

10 Budget meeting
Meeting with Millsaps
College re: Absalom Jones
commemoration
Travel to Vicksburg
What a fabulous evening with
the parish family of Church
of the Holy Trinity, Vicksburg,
as we shared a wonderful
meal (breakfast for dinner!)
and asked God's blessing on
the new youth activity room
and the renovated
Conservatory of the Fine
Arts - a ministry of the
parish!

What a gift this Conservatory
is to Vicksburg, with music
instruction in piano, voice,
strings and percussion -
and upcoming learning
in pottery!!! So thankful
for this parish's vision
and commitment, and
the leadership of Cody
Nelson, Holy Trinity's
Organist/Choirmaster
and the Director of the
Conservatory!

11 Finance Committee Meeting
Meeting with CPAs

12 Bishop Coach
Meetings with Clergypersons

13 Travel to Rolling Fork;
rededication of Chapel of
the Cross



The above photo is from March
2023 - after an EF-4 tornado
swept through Mississippi.
Twenty-five precious lives
were lost in Mississippi to
that devastating tornado.
The community of Rolling
Fork was devastated; Chapel
of the Cross, our church at
Rolling Fork, was destroyed.



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This photo is Chapel of the Cross, Rolling Fork, today - rebuilt, and restored. It was my humble privilege today to ask God's blessing on this rebuilt church and rededicate this space. I wish we had photos of the packed church today, as communicants, former clergy and friends all gathered for this holy time. We are so very grateful for God's providence - and for the faithful witness of these worshippers in Rolling Fork.

Travel to Meridian

14 My Sunday visitation was with the Episcopal Church of the Mediator. Beautiful worship, confirmations and a reaffirmation, and a fun breakfast with two bishops, Bishop Nicholas and Bishop Dorothy (Yes, jolly ol' St. Nicholas stopped in while I shared with the children the kind deeds for which he is remembered!) between services. After worship, I joined the Rev. Ezgi Saribay Perkins, the Rev. Patrick Perkins and the Vestry for lunch. So grateful to the Church of the Mediator for a wonderful day!



Preached 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, confirmed 6, reaffirmed 1

Travel to Jackson

15 Bishop's sabbath
16 Bishop has laryngitis!
17 Meeting with Postulant
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Staff Christmas Lunch
Iona Collaborative Microgrant meeting
18 Meetings with Staff Members
19 Clergy Advent gathering at Bishop's home
20 Travel to Church Hill:



Rededication of Christ Church

So very grateful to Ben Hillyer for capturing such wonderful photos at the rededication of Christ Church, Church Hill today! What a glorious day, as the community came together to share in our celebration of the faithful restoration of this church - at the site of our oldest worshipping community!!

Travel to Jackson

21 Travel to Meridian



Today, I joined the parish family of St. Paul's Church, Meridian, for Lessons and Carols -



and for the prayers of leave-taking, as the Rev. Katie Sorey ends her pastoral relationship with St. Paul's.



From Meridian, it was back to Ridgeland and the celebration of the 100th birthday of Trinity Church, Yazoo City communicant Mary Ann Holmes Cortright - who now has met 9 of Mississippi's 11 bishops and was feted with a proclamation and prayers!

22 Bishop's sabbath
23 Staff Meeting
Meetings with Staff Members
Friends, if you subscribe to

The Mississippi Episcopalian, please, please check out this month's (December) cover. And, please, please check out this month's Bishop's Corner - Pathways to Accessibility (msepiscopalian.com/pathways). There are so many ways that we can include all of God's people in all aspects of our worship and life together in community. We just have to be prayerful and creative - and open to the work of the Holy Spirit!

24 Christmas Eve began with worship at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Philadelphia. Lovely worship and beautiful music as we celebrated our Savior's birth, and delightful fellowship following.

Preached

Then it was on the road again, headed back to St. Andrew's Cathedral for two beautiful services this afternoon.

#grateful

Preached 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. services

25 Christmas Day

26-29 Office closed

30 Staff Meeting

Meetings with Staff Members

31 Meetings with Staff Members

Friends, as we approach

2026, I wish for you a year in which you write many more wonderful pages in your life story. I wish and pray for you a 2026 in which you are wrapped in the love of family and friends, filled with joy and fulfillment in all that you do, and experience awe and wonder in all the world around you!

I offer again this prayer

attributed to the Rev. Dr. Vienna Cobb Anderson, to inspire us all to love and serve God's people in all the ways that we can in the coming year - and to open ourselves to God's new possibilities:

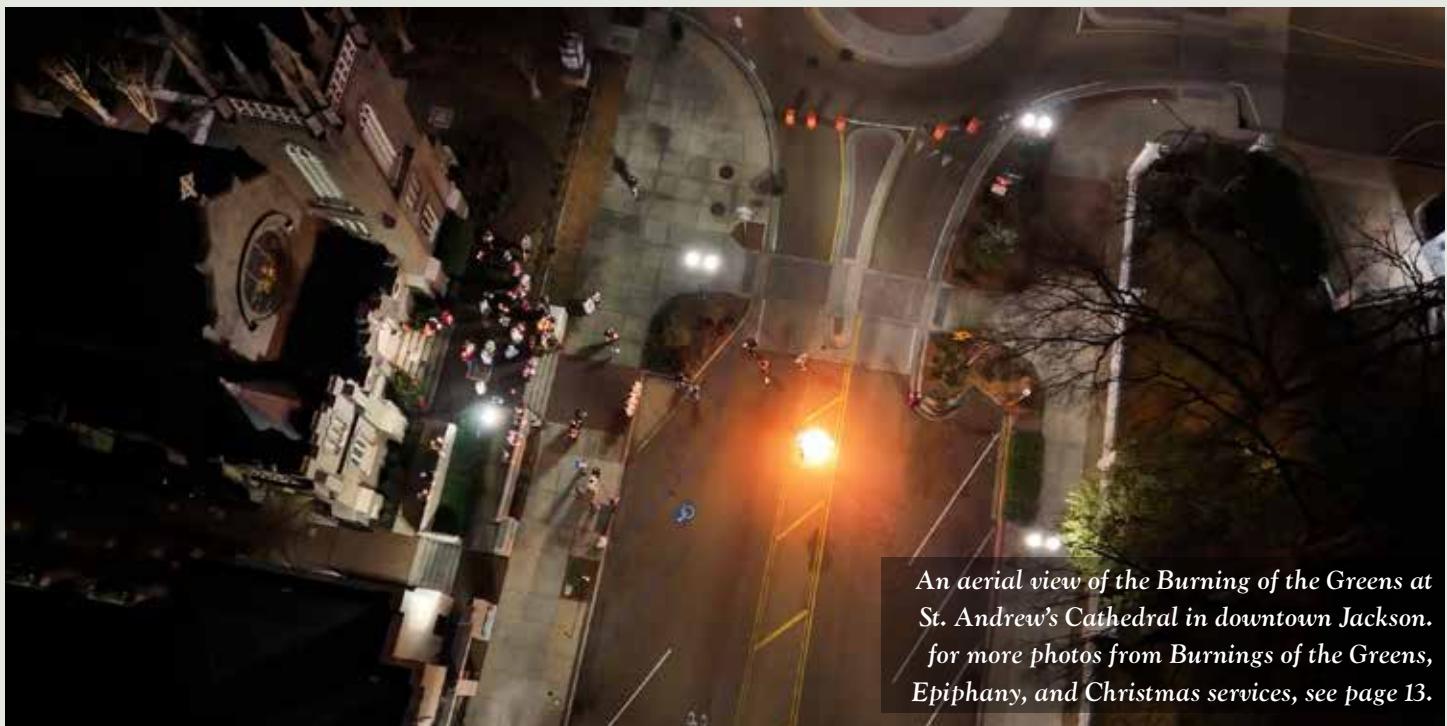
*O God, you call us from our settled ways,
out of old habits and rutted traditions.*

*You call us into the land of promise,
to new life and new possibilities.
Make us strong to travel the road ahead.*

Deliver us from false security and comfort,

*desire for ease and uninvolved days.
Let your Word and Spirit dwell in us
that your will may be fulfilled in us
for the well-being and shalom of all.*

Amen.



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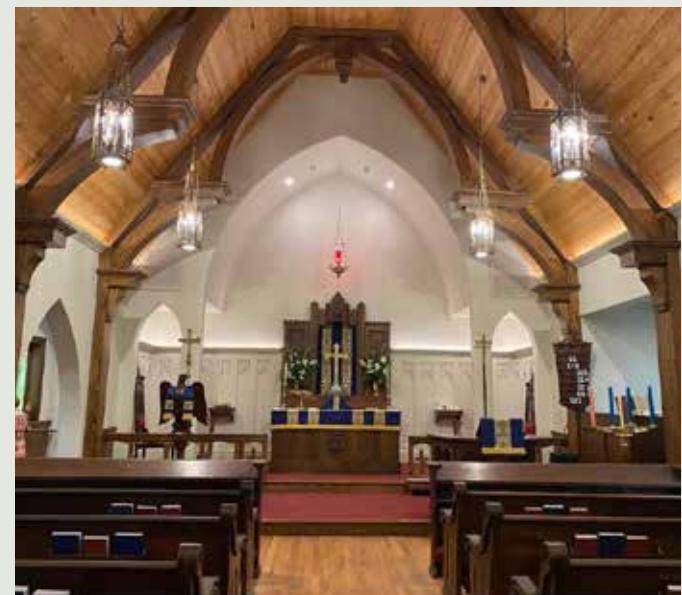
Christ Church, Church Hill celebrated a rededication on December 20th after a long process of renovating their sanctuary. Bishop Wells was on hand for a joyous celebration at the diocese's oldest church, now over 200 years old. *Photos by Ben Hillyer.*





Rolling along

Chapel of the Cross, Rolling Fork, also celebrated a rededication on December 13th, capping a long and difficult, but ultimately uplifting, recovery from the devastating tornado that destroyed much of the church in 2023.



BISHOP'S CORNER



with The Rt. Rev. Dr.
Dorothy Sanders Wells

Commemorating the history of Absalom Jones— in The Episcopal Church AND in the Methodist Church

Before Absalom Jones made history as the first black man to be ordained in the newly organized Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, he had made history in the Methodist Church: He and Richard Allen had been the first black men to be granted preaching licenses in the Methodist Episcopal Church, licensed in 1784 to serve the historic St. George's Church in Philadelphia – a church still active today, and the oldest house of Methodist worship in continuous use in America.

Jones was born an enslaved person in Delaware in 1746. He was sold to a slaveowner in Philadelphia, sometime near the time that Pennsylvania began the gradual abolition of slavery in 1780 — ending the importation of enslaved persons into the state and declaring that all future-born children born in the state to enslaved persons were emancipated. Over the years, Pennsylvania had an increasingly free population of formerly enslaved persons who were operating with some autonomy. Jones worked first to secure his wife's freedom, and then to secure his own, all the while learning to read, write and become a contributing member of this newly-free society.

Jones and other black worshippers had begun worshipping at St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia; the black persons apparently grew in number and were faithful in worship and in offerings. Jones and Allen preached and ministered to these black worshippers, and it is speculated that white worshippers may have heard these two preachers, as well. On a fateful Sunday in 1791 or 1792, the black worshippers arrived at St. George's and were asked to sit in a newly-constructed balcony (which it seems the black worshippers may have helped to fund through their offerings). In his writings,

Richard Allen later described the encounter in this way:

A number of us usually attended St. George's Church in Fourth street; and when the coloured people began to get numerous in attending the church, they moved us from the seats we usually sat on and placed us around the wall, and on Sabbath morning we went to church and the sexton stood at the door, and told us to go in the gallery. He told us to go, and we would see where to sit. We expected to take the seats over the ones we formerly occupied below, not knowing any better. We took those seats. Meeting had begun and they were nearly done singing, and just as we got to the seats, the elder said, "let us pray." We had not been long upon our knees before I heard considerable scuffling and low talking. I raised my head up and saw one of the trustees, H— M—, having hold of the Rev. Absalom Jones, pulling him up off of his knees and saying, "You must get up — you must not kneel here." Mr. Jones replied, "wait until prayer is over." Mr. H— M— said "no, you must get up now, or I will call for aid and I force you away." Mr. Jones said, "wait until prayer is over; and I will get up and trouble you no more." With that he beckoned to one of the other trustees, Mr. L— S— to come to his assistance...to pull him up. By this time prayer was over, and we all went out of the church in a body, and they were no more plagued with us in the church.

The black worshippers walked out, never to return.

Jones and Allen worked together to raise money to build an edifice for the black worshippers. When the

worshippers voted to determine the denomination with which they wished to affiliate, the majority wished to move to the Church of England – by this time, the fledgling new Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States which had separated from the Church of England following the Revolutionary War. Allen says this in his writings:

We then held an election to know what religious denomination we should unite with. At the election it was determined — there were two in favour of the Methodist, the Rev. Absalom Jones and myself, and a large majority in favour of the Church of England. The majority carried. Notwithstanding we had been so violently persecuted by the elder, we were in favour of being attached to the Methodist connection; for I was confident that there was no religious sect or denomination would suit the capacity of the coloured people as well as the Methodist; for the plain and simple gospel suits best for any people, for the unlearned can understand, and the learned are sure to understand; and the reason that the Methodist is so successful in the awakening and conversion of the coloured people, the plain doctrine and having a good discipline....

History might have emerged entirely differently had the worshippers voted another way. It is unclear how Jones may have first sought audience with Bishop William White – the first and fourth Presiding Bishop of this new Episcopal Church, and in-between, Bishop of Pennsylvania. White was, for his time, deeply involved in supporting the vulnerable in society: A supporter of education, he would go on to serve as President of the University of Pennsylvania. As an advocate for the marginalized and outcast, White was credited with having founded a Philadelphia ministry which helped young women begin again after leaving prostitution. White's reputation for ministry among the marginalized may have preceded him among the black worshippers

from St. George's Church. Jones had one request of White, and that was for a place of worship in which Jones and the black worshippers who had left St. George's Church could worship and have autonomy over their church affairs. White ordained Jones as a deacon in 1795, and ordained him to the priesthood in 1802.

Allen, with his profound belief in the Methodist Church, chose to remain with that denomination, forming Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Church in 1794. Ultimately, Allen sued in Pennsylvania courts for the right to establish the A.M.E. Church as a new and independent denomination within the Methodist Church.

Reading Allen's accounts of the separation (You can find the excerpts at msepiscopalian.com/allen)

seems to leave us with even more questions about the Church universal's relationship to racial separation and segregation. We'll tackle those topics on Saturday, February 21, as the Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi and the Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church come together to commemorate the life of Absalom Jones – history-maker in both denominations. We'll gather on February 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Selby and Richard

McRae Christian Center on the campus of Millsaps College, where we'll talk about this shared history, how it has shaped both our denominations, and the lessons we continue to learn. Registration will be required, and information will be forthcoming soon; a modest fee will cover lunch.

Please save the date on your calendar and look for registration info! We look forward to seeing you there!



Absalom Jones

Absalom Jones Commemoration

February 21, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Selby and Richard McRae Christian Center on the campus of Millsaps College

A busy bishop

Former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry keeps full travel schedule in first year of retirement

by David Paulsen, courtesy of *Episcopal News Service*, photos by Sharon Jones

Travel. It typically ranks high on lists of retirement goals, offering an adventurous or relaxing break from the retiree's former professional routine.

The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry is no typical retiree. Travel dominated his professional routine, and retirement clearly hasn't slowed him down.

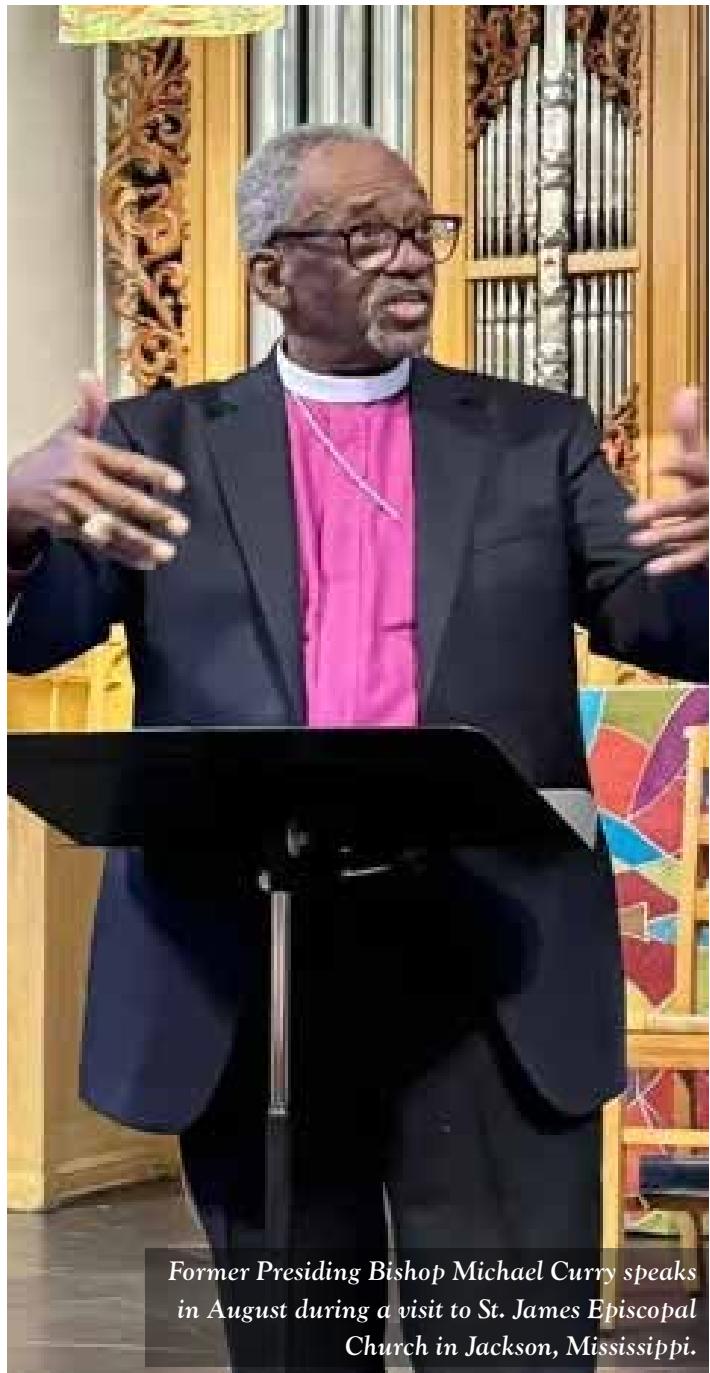
During his nine-year term as presiding bishop, Curry visited nearly all of The Episcopal Church's more than 100 dioceses. Since stepping down in October 2024, rather than spend his first year of retirement resting back home in Raleigh, North Carolina, the former presiding bishop has scheduled a wide range of engagements almost as adventurous as before.

Episcopal News Service tracked Curry's 2025 trips based on church announcements and social media posts and counted visits to nearly 20 Episcopal and Anglican dioceses in three countries, two university visits to accept honorary degrees, one civil rights pilgrimage in Alabama and numerous appearances at Episcopal churches within his own Diocese of North Carolina. He also participated in confirmations, conferences, panel discussions, funeral eulogies and more than a half dozen anniversary celebrations for churches, schools and dioceses.

And, of course, he preached. A lot.

"I'm still kind of in discernment, to be honest, trying to think through long-term, how do I make a contribution?" Curry, who turned 72 in March, said in a recent Zoom interview with ENS from his home.

If Curry has spent the past year in discernment, it is



Former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry speaks in August during a visit to St. James Episcopal Church in Jackson, Mississippi.

safe to say he has done much of that discerning while on the move. Take the month of November, for example. The variety of Curry's activities is evident in his several public appearances.

On Nov. 2, he officiated at an Evensong close to home at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Raleigh. On Nov. 13, he made headlines at the Texas Tribune Festival in Austin for saying he prays for President Donald Trump. On Nov. 18, he appeared alongside his former Canadian counterpart, the Most. Rev. Linda Nicholls, at Trinity College in Toronto, where both received honorary degrees. Then on Nov. 22 and 23, he visited Episcopal churches in Charleston, South Carolina, and preached there in celebration of a local partnership known as Three Churches United.

Curry told ENS his plan had been to average about two trips a month in the first year after handing the primatial staff to Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe. His intent was to support Rowe's leadership, not to undercut it, and Rowe thanked Curry for keeping up such an active post-primacy schedule.

"I am grateful for Bishop Curry's willingness to continue using his extraordinary gifts as a preacher and speaker to spread the gospel," Rowe told ENS in a written statement for this story. "He is undoubtedly a tremendous blessing and encouragement to everyone he meets in his travels, and his evangelism is a light to the church in these uncertain times."

Curry in Jamaica

Former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry processes during a worship service in February in Kingston, Jamaica. Photo: Sharon Jones, via Facebook

Curry expects his travel schedule to slow down a bit in 2026, and he clarified that, even with all that activity this year, the routine still was far less strenuous than his time as a sitting presiding bishop, which comes with a full list of church responsibilities.

"It's been a mix of things in a variety of places," Curry told ENS. "I remember I talked with Sean and basically said I didn't want to do anything that was 'presiding bishop-like.'" Instead, he now sees himself as like the biblical Barnabas, serving as the "son of encouragement" for the church.

His described his trip to Trinity College, the seminary at the University of Toronto, as "an opportunity to talk

about, in the context of the Anglican Communion, how do we live out what Jesus really taught us about each other and about how we care for each other and for this world?"

He also thanked the Anglican Church of Canada "for the way they and their leadership supported us in The Episcopal Church in the years that I was presiding bishop."

A completely different scene awaited him in South Carolina, where three historically Black churches in Charleston have "come together" to do "some remarkable stuff," Curry said. He couldn't refuse the bishop's and rectors' invitation to join them and preach about racial reconciliation to a packed church.

"I didn't expect that many people," he said. "And when I looked out on the congregation, it was the mix of Black and white that was absolutely remarkable, to just stand there and see it."

Other trips this year included a visit to Yale University in Connecticut to receive an honorary degree in May, the July funeral of the Very Rev. Sandye Wilson in Baltimore, Maryland, the Diocese of Alabama's Jonathan Myrick Daniels pilgrimage in August, a September homecoming celebration at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, Georgia, and the diocesan convention in Colorado in October.

Such frequent travel was common during Curry's time as presiding bishop from 2015 to 2024, even after recovering from serious medical emergencies late in his tenure. Even so, these trips since stepping down have been different, in some ways more personal, and some of his favorite trips have been just a short drive across town or down the highway, to visit churches in the Diocese of North Carolina, which he led for 15 years as diocesan bishop.

In February, Curry spoke at Christ Church in Raleigh at an event honoring Black scholar Anna Julia Haywood Cooper. In April, he celebrated Holy Week in Greensboro. In June, he joined St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Hillsborough for its 200th anniversary celebration. And in October, he traveled to Charlotte to visit with Christ Episcopal Church and tour a new church building under construction. Other diocesan travels included Oxford, Burlington and Winston-Salem.

Curry isn't officially an assisting bishop and doesn't have a formal role with the diocese, but he has let North Carolina Bishop Samuel Rodman know he is available to help as needed. One example this year was a confirmation ceremony in the diocese. Rodman asked if Curry could assist with the ceremonial laying of hands on the heads of the confirmands.

"I was free that Sunday, and so I said, 'I still have the hands. I can still do that,'" Curry said.

Curry in Hillsborough

Former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry poses for a photo with members of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Hillsborough, North Carolina, during a visit to the congregation in June 2025. Photo: Sharon Jones

At other times, he has enjoyed going to Sunday services in the diocese with no bishop responsibilities — just a back-pew worshipper enjoying Holy Eucharist before the day's football games.

"I've actually been able to follow the Buffalo Bills through wins and losses," Curry said, something that hasn't been possible since before he was a parish priest.

He also has had time to read and think more deeply. "I kind of jokingly say I haven't been to any meetings

— well, I really haven't. I don't have those kinds of responsibilities," he said. "I've got a little bit more time for reflection."

In particular, the parable in Luke 18 of the "persistent widow" has been weighing on his mind, "in the context of an unjust society."

"It speaks to this moment," he said. He may do some writing on the subject. "To be patiently impatient, that is the Advent message."

Being a retired presiding bishop also means Curry can spend more time at home in Raleigh with his wife, Sharon Curry, and their two adult daughters. Often that time is spent watching TV soap operas, which Curry has found no less addictive in retirement.

And the Currys are preparing to welcome a new member to the family: a pet dog. They are working with a breeder in the region, though Curry wasn't sure which breed they settled on. He only knows the family's consensus was to go small.

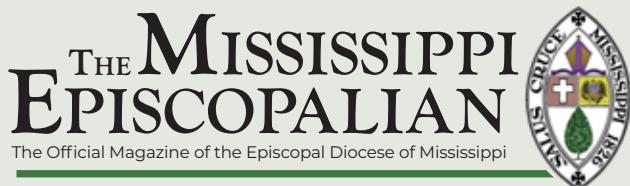
"Little nerd dogs," he called them. His family insisted.

"They said, 'You don't need a German Shepherd.'" With retirement has come acceptance of life's compromises, at least regarding the dog. "I've given in," he said. 



Former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry poses for a photo with members of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Hillsborough, North Carolina, during a visit to the congregation in June 2025.

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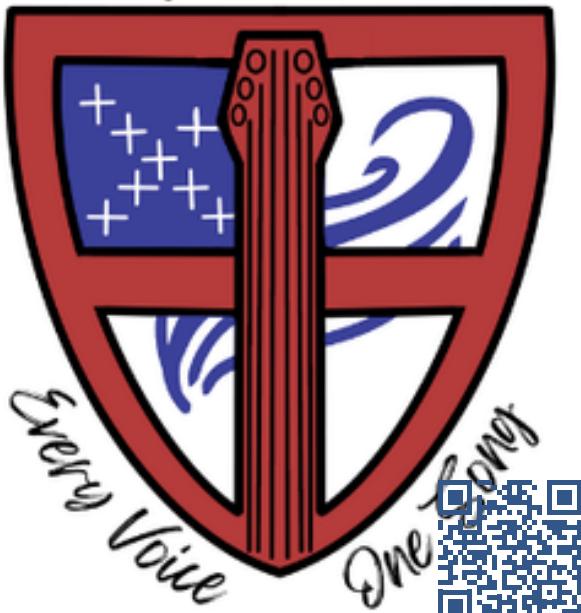


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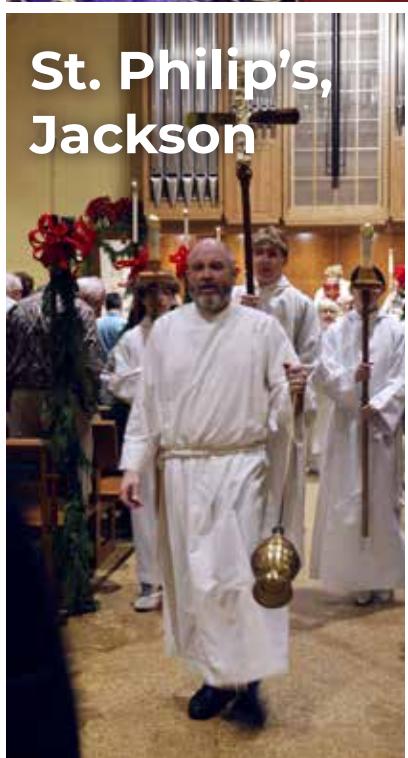
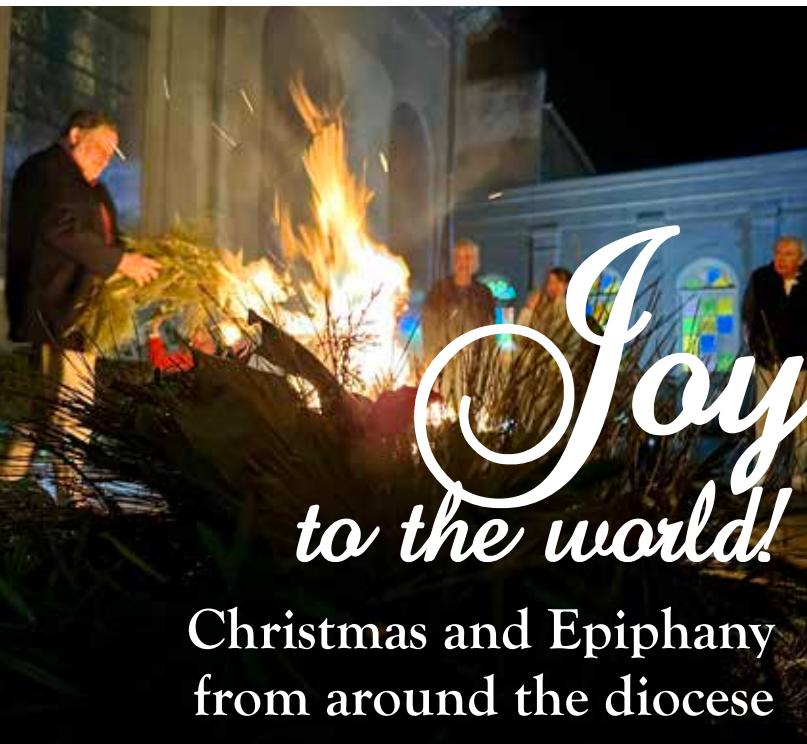
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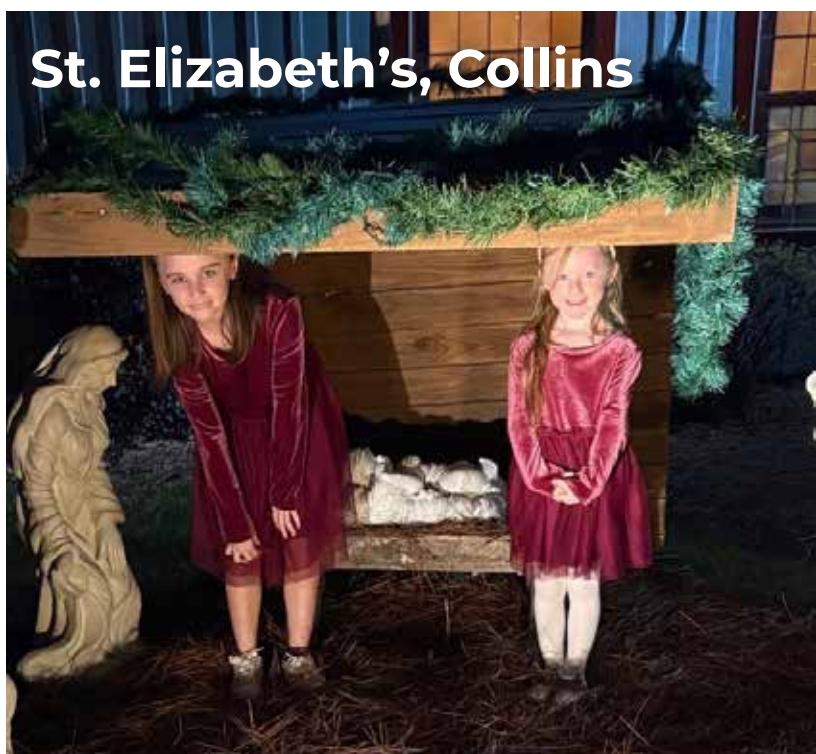
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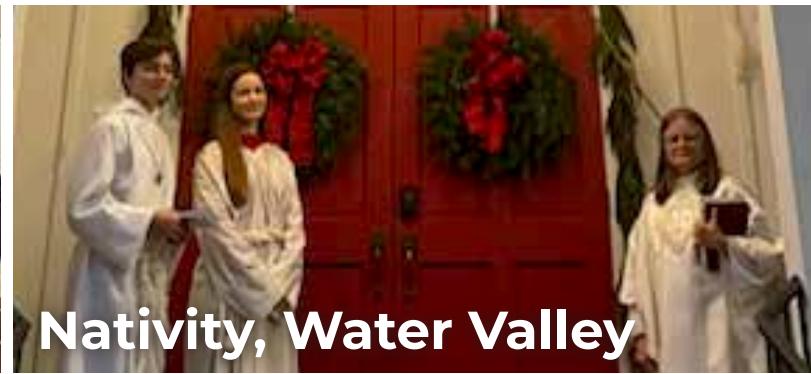
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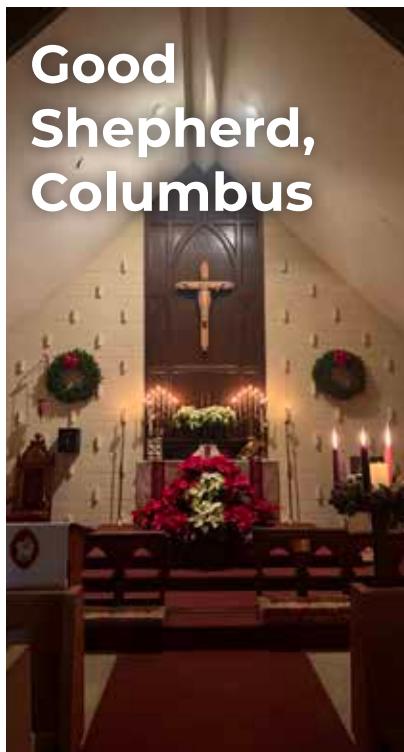
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Faithful Departed

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Rivers Yerger Lurate, 88, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died October 26, 2025.

Morris Johnson "Johnny" Keesee, III, 81, former member of St. George's, Clarksdale, and Interim Director of Gray Center, died November 14, 2025.

Ann Gayden Newton, 88, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died November 20, 2025.

Benjamin "Ben" Allen Thornton, 82, communicant of St. Pierre's, Gautier, died December 12, 2025.

Forrest Travis Tutor, 98, communicant of All Saints', Tupelo, died December 13, 2025.

Steven Ralph Boone, 84, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died December 17, 2025.

Janet Edgerton Chalk, 95, communicant of St. Paul's Meridian, died December 23, 2025.

Robert Abide Malouf, Sr., 74, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died December 26, 2025.

Deployment Report

Churches seeking full or part-time clergy

Redeemer, Biloxi
Redeemer, Brookhaven
Calvary, Cleveland
Ascension, Hattiesburg
Trinity, Natchez
St. Paul's, Meridian
Resurrection, Starkville
Holy Trinity, Vicksburg
Church of the Nativity, Water Valley

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Good Shepherd, Columbus
Christ Church, Holly Springs
All Saints, Jackson
St. Christopher's, Jackson
St. Mark's, Jackson
St. Matthew's, Kosciusko
Calvary, Michigan City
Church of the Good Shepherd, Terry
Holy Trinity, Vicksburg
Church of the Nativity, Water Valley

Available Chaplaincies

Canterbury: Mississippi State University
Oxford: Ole Miss

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January

- 18** Bishop Wells visits Redeemer, Greenville
- 19** Allin House closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 25** Bishop Wells visits St. Paul's, Columbus
- 25** Bishop Wells visits Mississippi State, Starkville
- 30-31** 199th Annual Council, St. Andrew's Episcopal School, Ridgeland
- 31** Standing Committee (Saturday At Council)

February

- 3** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00-3:00pm
- 5** Beloved Community Monthly Gathering, 12:00 noon
- 8** Bishop Wells visits Christ Church, Vicksburg
- 13-14** A. C. Marble School, Solomon Center
- 14-26** Honduras Medical Mission
- 15** Bishop Wells visits Nativity, Greenwood
- 16** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* March Deadline
- 18** Ash Wednesday
- 18** Bishop Wells visits Holy Trinity, Crystal Springs
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- 20-22** Staff Training for Happening #100,
St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson
- 22** Bishop Wells visits St. Stephen's, Indianola
- 27-1** Young Adult Retreat, Camp Bratton-Green
- 31** Standing Committee (Saturday At Council)

March

- 1** Annual Parochial Report Due
- 1** Credentials of Delegates/Alternates to Annual Council Due
- 1** Diocesan Undergraduate Scholarship Applications Due
- 1** Bishop Wells visits St. Pierre's, Gautier
- 3** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00-3:00pm
- 5** Beloved Community Monthly Gathering, 12:00 noon
- 5** Finance Committee, Allin House, 11:30am-2:30pm
- 6-8** Happening #100, St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson
- 8** Bishop Wells visits St. Peter's, Brandon
- 12** Executive Committee & Cathedral Chapter,
St. Andrew's Cathedral, Jackson, 10:30am - 3:30pm
- 13-14** Ministry Exploration Gathering (MEG), Gray Center
- 15** Bishop Wells visits St. Patrick's, Long Beach
- 16** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* April Deadline
- 17-24** Spring House of Bishops Meeting, Camp Allen, Navasota, TX
- 20-21** A. C. Marble School, Solomon Center
- 26** Trustees, Allin House, 1:00-4:00pm

- 27-29** Jr. High DOY, Gray Center
- 27-28** Commission on Ministry (COM)
- 28** Standing Committee, 9:30am-3:30pm
- 29** Palm Sunday
- 29** Bishop Wells visits St. Mary's, Lexington

April

- 2** Beloved Community Monthly Gathering, 12:00 noon
- 3** Good Friday
- 3** Bishop Wells visits Chapel of the Cross, Madison
- 4** Holy Saturday
- 4** St. Philip's, Jackson
- 5** Easter Sunday
- 5** Bishop Wells visits St. Andrew's, Jackson
- 7** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom 2:00-3:00pm
- 8** Bishop Wells visits St. Andrew's Upper School, Ridgeland
- 10-11** A. C. Marble School, Online
- 10** St. Andrew's Lower School, Jackson
- 12** Trinity, Pass Christian
- 15** The Mississippi Episcopalian Deadline
- 17-18** Small Church Conference
- 19** Bishop Wells visits St. Peter's Oxford
- 21** Bishop Wells visits Canterbury
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg
- 24-26** Sr. High DOY, Gray Center
- 25** Spiritual Renewal Retreat, St. James', Jackson
- 26** Bishop Wells visits St. Stephen's, Batesville
- 26** Bishop Wells visits St. Timothy's, Southaven
- 30** Trustees, Allin House, 1:00-4:00pm

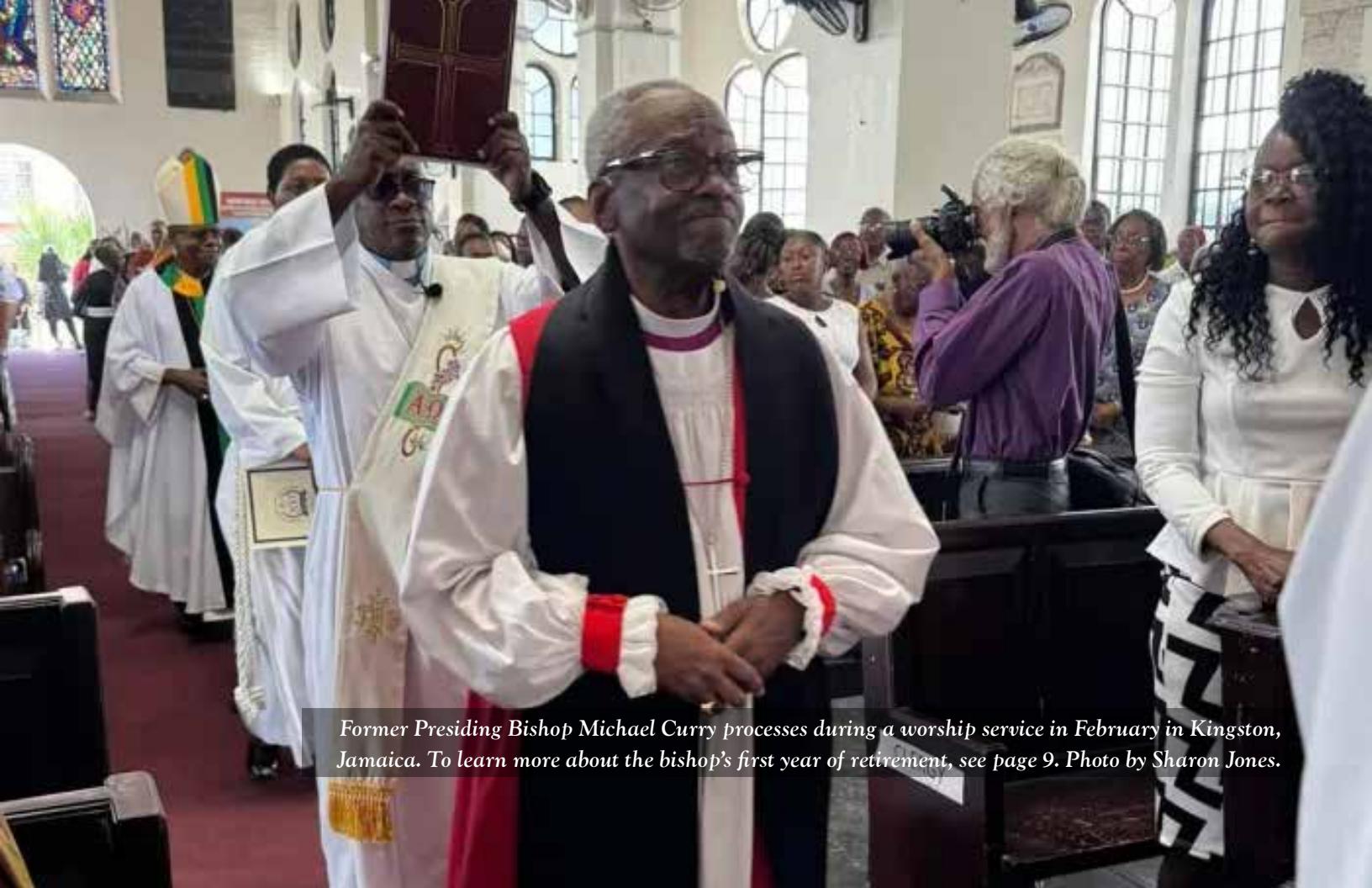
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Former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry processes during a worship service in February in Kingston, Jamaica. To learn more about the bishop's first year of retirement, see page 9. Photo by Sharon Jones.