



May 2015

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church*

# The Bell Ringer

Online at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)

## Taste of Hope 2015



An exciting evening of food, drink, and cooking will take place at 7:00 pm, in Moseley Hall on Monday, May 18th, with Chef Khymi Harrell of *Ginger 108*. Khymi will be at St. Mary's for a cooking demonstration and food tasting.

Khymi Harrell found her way into the culinary world at the age of 19. A self-taught hand, combined with an eccentric taste for food have inspired her to infuse farm to table ingredients with Asian cuisine at *Ginger 108*.

Khymi was brought up in the small town of Ahoskie, NC, where her great-grandmother and grandmother taught her how to cook from the garden. It was with Isabelle and Kae that Khymi learned to harness her southern roots and cook from the soul. Everything from canning tomatoes and jams to cooking squash and collards from the family garden. This close bond exposed her to the art of slow cooking and how to highlight simple ingredients, allowing them to shine on the plate.

Throughout her earliest years of cooking, Khymi enjoyed combining classic ingredients with "off the beaten path" preparations and flavor pairings. Working for well-renowned chefs in the industry, along with continuous trial and error have allowed Khymi to polish her culinary skills and discover her own unique cooking style. Her equally passionate love of art is apparent not only in her innovative dishes but her playful and beautiful plate presentations.

Tickets are \$25 per person with proceeds going toward supplies for St. Mary's mission trip to the Dominican Republic this summer. Tickets may be purchased in the Parish Office or will be available following services on Sundays until May 17th.

If you would like to be a sponsor for this event, please contact Rachel Singer at 252-521-7997 or [rmsinger@suddenlink.net](mailto:rmsinger@suddenlink.net). To be a sponsor we ask for a minimum donation of \$100. Sponsors will receive recognition at the event and will receive one ticket for admission on Monday, May 18th.

## Mass on the Grass

*O God, make clear to us each road.  
O God, make safe to us each step;  
When we stumble, hold us; when we fall, lift us up.  
When we are hard-pressed with evil, deliver us:  
and bring us at last to Your glory.*  
- - Ancient Celtic blessing

On Sunday, May 17th, at 10:00 am, we will hold a Celtic worship service outside, on the lawn, next to the Chapel we call "Mass on the Grass." When you come to church that morning, bring a lawn chair (we will have a few here available for your use) or bring a blanket and enjoy this ancient but modern worship.

Dress casually and relaxed. Bring a neighbor or friend. There is room for everyone! Following the service we'll have a parish picnic. Hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, and paper products will be provided. We ask you to please bring a (very) large dish to share!

## The Episcopal Church

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### In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans  
in 40 member provinces/churches.

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### In the United States

A community of 2 million members in 109  
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### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 403 baptized members whose  
mission is to worship and serve God joyfully,  
to nurture each other in faith and wholeness,  
to minister to others, and to manifest the  
“good news” of Christ.

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Jr. Warden Mr. J. Mark Herring

## News at St. Mary's

### From the Parish Register

#### Baptisms:

Aziyah Jade Brookman  
Miyanna Yzabelle Brookman  
Claire Kelley Gilmore  
April 5, 2015

**Weddings:** James Harold Lancaster to Megan Leigh Johnson  
April 11, 2015

Elizabeth Mallory Williams to Stephen Brandon Houghton  
April 25, 2015

### St. Mary's offers sympathy

St. Mary's offers sympathy to the family of Bryan Spader upon the death of his mother, Helen Virginia Spader. Please keep Bryan and his family in your prayers.

### The John J. and Josephine M. Rowland Scholarship

Applications are now available. Please contact LaTonya, Parish Administrator, for the John J. and Josephine M. Rowland Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded to a graduating high school senior(s) who is/are members of St. Mary's Church. **The scholarship is awarded on the basis of scholarship, ability, and need.**

**Applications must be returned to the Parish Office by 12:00 noon May 8, 2015. No applications will be accepted after this time.** The scholarships will be awarded mid-May.

### Senior Sunday

Graduations are a special time. On May 17th, we will honor our graduating high school seniors at the 10:00 am service.

In the June issue of *The Bell Ringer* we will list all graduates. If you or your child is graduating, please forward information to [ljohnson@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:ljohnson@stmaryskinston.com), Linda Johnson, our Parish Secretary at 252-523-6146. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### Wednesday Night Dinners

The Wednesday Night Dinners are over until the fall. Thank you to Sandra Warren, Kelli Stroud, and Heather Wentz for organizing the meals and for those who have picked up dinners and helped wash dishes. Dinners return September 16th.

## From the Rector - Father Michael Singer

### Will they know?

As parents, hopefully we want to teach our children and our grandchildren to love like Jesus. The thing is, we Christians tend to keep to ourselves a lot of the time. Our friends are the people we go to church with. Our kids tend to socialize with kids from the school they attend. We tend to go to these same weddings and birthday parties. They become our social circle. It's relatively comfortable because we think alike. We believe the same. Maybe even our politics are similar because of our worldview.

Jesus loved differently. By today's standards, he might have been considered an ineffective communicator, because so much of what he said was done on such a small scale. Not everyday was Sermon on the Mount. Jesus actually spent time with the people who needed to hear that God loved them, despite what society may have thought about them. They were sinners, they were outcasts, they were the poor and the sick. Yes, Jesus spent time with these people, because he loved them.

Do you love nominal and non-Christians?

Now, before you say, "Yes, of course I do!" Think about all the time you spend with those who don't think, worship, believe or behave like you. Do you love them as Jesus would?

We live in the south. The Bible Belt. It's not that unusual to see people praying in public, before their meals. Some businesses are closed on Sundays, to allow their employees time to worship with their families. It's assumed that everyone goes to church, because in conversations with strangers I have been asked WHERE I go to church not IF. And yes, around here we invite strangers to attend our church.

But if we were to run into a person who we found out didn't know Jesus, would we still want anything meaningful to do with them? Would we simply skirt the subject of faith and remain socially superficial? Or would we lovingly share our story with them? Maybe invite them to coffee and talk about how God has changed your life?

Another way we can show our kids how to love others, is to make sure they see us minister to those who need to feel the love of Christ physically, first. The sick. The elderly. The hungry. The imprisoned. The widowed. The orphaned. The homeless. Those different than ourselves.

When we become the hands and feet of Jesus, we are showing others love, in his name. We are telling them, "Yes, I love you, because I was loved by him, first." Because Jesus told us they will know we are Christians by our love . . . How do others know you are a Christian?

***"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."***

*John 13:35*

### Mission team returns to La Divina Gracia in Mosovi, Dominican Republic

In mid-July, 11 people will depart for the Dominican Republic as a mission team from St. Mary's. They will return again to our companion parish of *La Divina Gracia* in Mosovi, from July 14 - 21, 2015.

The people of Mosovi have truly touched the hearts of those who have made the trip to the Dominican Republic. Although extremely poor by worldly standards, they are far richer than us in so many ways. As Episcopalians it is exciting to worship and live with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

What makes our trip more exciting this year is that The Rev. Daniel Samuel, 58, who is Vicar of *La Divina Gracia*, as well as Vicar of *Misiones Santa Maria Virgen*, and *San Cornelio*, and is also a school principal, he is one of three nominees to be the next Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. The special election will take place on July 25th.

In making preparations for the trip we hope to provide the church with copies of the Spanish *The Book of Common Prayer* and provide each child with a New Testament in Spanish. It is extremely rare for children in this community to own a book and we want to provide each child with a Bible.



Copies of *The Book of Common Prayer* sell for \$20 each and Bibles are \$.99 each. If you wish to help with this project, designate your checks to St. Mary's Church and in the memo portion of the check write BCP or Bible. Should you have questions, please contact Father Michael. So that books arrive in time, please get your donation to the church by June 1st.



# Worship

## The Choir School at St. Peter's



The Choir School at St. Peter's consists of five auditioned choirs ranging in age from six to eighteen. The Choir School calls St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC, home. The choristers come from throughout the Charlotte area, and represent varied denominations, culture and economic backgrounds. Ben Outen, the director and Kay Johnson, the managing director, began the program in 1993 with a small choir of boys. The choir has significantly grown from there.

As part of the program, each year they take the three older choirs on tour. This July, the older singers will be in residence for a week at Salisbury Cathedral, England. Therefore, the Tour Choir will travel throughout Eastern North Carolina.

We are excited to announce that The Tour Choir will present a concert at St. Mary's on **Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 7:30 p.m.** The choir singing at St. Mary's is composed of 17 girls and 15 boys, ranging in age from 10 - 14.

Invite your family and friends to attend this concert which lasts a little more than an hour. Parents with school aged children, we hope you will make the effort to attend.

At the conclusion of the concert a free-will offering will be taken to help the choir cover some of their traveling expenses.

We are currently looking for families to host choir members in their homes the night of June 17th. In hosting choir members you are asked to: provide a snack for the young people following the concert on June 17th, provide sleeping arrangements, and breakfast the morning of June 18th. Breakfast need not be elaborate. You will then return the choir member to the church on Thursday morning. More explicit directions will be given to host families at a later time. Kathy Gilmore has agreed to coordinate host families. If you would be willing to host, please contact Kathy at [kgilmore0323@gmail.com](mailto:kgilmore0323@gmail.com). or 252-523-0546. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## Memorial Day Sunday

On this Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 25th) we will remember, by special prayers and with the laying of a wreath in St. Francis Garden, friends of St. Mary's that have died while serving in the Armed Forces of our country. If you have a loved one who died while serving in the military, please send that name to [LJohnson@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:LJohnson@stmaryskinston.com), Linda Johnson our Parish Secretary.

## St. Cecilia's Choir

St. Cecilia's Choir enjoyed another wonderful year of hearing Bible stories, sharing, praying and singing. The choir meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., September until Easter and is for children 3 years of age through the First Grade. The choir sang four times this year. We thank the children for adding so much to our Sunday worship experience.

Our appreciation to Teresa Singer for directing the choir and to helpers Betty DeVeau and Susan Fox.

St. Cecilia's Choir will have the summer off and will return to rehearsals on September 16th.

## St. Mary's to hold diocesan ordination liturgy

On Saturday, June 20, 2015, at 10:30 am, God willing, The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will ordain three individuals to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

St. Mary's is hosting this diocesan celebration. The choir of St. Mary's will provide special music. If you are not currently singing in the choir but are interested in singing at this liturgy, please contact Nick Voermans, Director of Music. A reception will follow.

# Christian Formation



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be June 15-18 @

### Gordon Street Christian Church

This year St. Mary's has been asked to provide drinks: 1-gal red Hawaiian punch (3), 2-ltr Sprite (6) & Orange Fanta (3), 19-oz Country Time Lemonade mix (8). Other fun items needed for loan are tents, sleeping bags, skis, lanterns, boots, artificial trees, ropes, poles, climbing helmet, boots, ski jacket, hiking packs, ski goggles & gloves, safety harness. If you can provide any of these, please label them clearly with your name and contact information and put them in the VBS bin located in the Narthex. THANK YOU!!!

**Your response has been great!**

**Thank You!**

\* In recent weeks we've informed you that the Feinstein Foundation had suspended its annual \$1 Million Giveaway to Fight Hunger for 2015, and that a generous member of St. Mary's had stepped forward to offer their own challenge. The donor, wishing to remain anonymous, would match up to \$5,000 of money collected through April 30th, for Mary's Kitchen. We are happy to report that we surpassed our goal of raising \$5,000, and the donor will contribute \$5,000.

\* In the season of Lent we collected coins in a bucket in the Narthex for world-wide clean water projects, a diocesan project. We raised \$400. The Vestry matched with \$400.



### God's Special Time

Kairos is an inter-denominational prison ministry that shares the love of Christ through hospitality, fellowship, and worship with incarcerated men and women. Our own Mike Ling will be an up-front leader during the first ever Kairos weekend at Maury Correctional Institution May 14-17. We can support him and this ministry in the following ways:

1. **Sign your name on a prayer chain sheet that will be placed in the narthex** and pledge to say a prayer for this ministry sometime during the Kairos weekend.
2. Help St. Mary's donate some of the 1600 DOZEN cookies that will be given away over the weekend. **Come to the parish kitchen on May 13 anytime between 3 and 6pm to help bake & bag the cookies and/or make a donation to help pay for them.** They're called "Forgiveness Cookies" because each participant is given two 1-dozen bags: one to enjoy and one to give to someone else as a sign of his request for, or offer of, forgiveness. These end up being powerful instruments of God's grace!

Contact Mike or Fr. Tom for further information.

Thank you for your consideration!

## Journey in Faith

Anyone interested in being a part of a small group class and discussion on the basics of the Christian faith and the Anglican tradition is welcome to join the Journey in Faith and Youth Journey in Faith classes. Upcoming meeting dates are:

- Sunday, May 3 - Youth Journey in Faith
- Sunday, June 7 - Youth Journey in Faith
- Sunday, June 14 - Journey in Faith
- Wed. July 22 - Mid-Summer Feast - All groups

# Youth Community News

## Mark Your Calendars!!

May 3 – EYC Local Mission

*Meet at Common Ground  
Community Garden from 2 - 4pm*

Wed. May 6 – 6:45 – 8pm

*EYC Jam Session! (in the  
sanctuary)*

Sunday, May 10

*Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Church*

*Jr. EYC 5:30-6:15 pm*

*Sr. EYC 6:15-8:00 pm*

*Both groups eat together from  
6:15-7:00 pm*

Sunday, May 17

*Regular EYC Schedule*

*Same as May 10*

Sunday, May 24

*Regular EYC Schedule*

*Same as May 10*

Friday–Sunday, May 29–31

*EYC End-of-Year Celebration  
Retreat to Finn's Island!!!*

*Registration due April 26*

*Please come and  
bring a friend!!!!*

## Movin' On Up!

As the end of a school & program year approaches, the Episcopal Youth Community begins its transition to a new year as well. Accordingly, the Jr. EYC welcomes NEXT year's 6th graders on the last Sunday EYC gathering in April (26th) & May (24th), and the Sr. EYC welcomes NEXT year's 9th graders who wish to stay after their Jr. EYC evening for the Sr. EYC gathering for the rest of the year. We are excited about growing in our faith with these new groups!

## A GREAT SEASON AHEAD!!

**LOCAL MISSION TRIP** to Common Ground Community Garden will be May 3 (2-4pm).

**EYC End-Of-Year Celebration Retreat to Finn's Island** will be May 29-31.

**ERASING THE LINES** - an overnight Kinston/Lenoir County local mission trip, will be June 22-26.

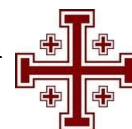
**Glory Ridge Skills Workshops** - training sessions for mission team to learn construction/power tool basics will be July 19 & 26 (pick 1), 2-3:30pm.

**Glory Ridge Mission Trip** will be August 2-8.



## THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you so much to Linda & Ike Hines, Susan & Gerry Fox, Pam Sheffield, Beth Webster, Laury and Jon Sargeant whose gifts of hospitality have allowed the EYC to enjoy food and fellowship together in April 2015!!!





## Other news

### Soles4Souls - shoe packing



*Soles4Souls* is a Nashville-based charity, founded in 2006, that collects new and used shoes and redistributes them through direct donations to people in need and through micro-enterprise partners. Since they began, *Soles4Souls* has distributed over 22 million pairs of shoes to people in over 127 countries, including Kenya, Thailand, Nepal, Haiti, Japan and the United States.

In September 2014, they were awarded The Memorial Foundation Leadership Award from the Center for Nonprofit Management. Among other publications, *Soles4Souls* has been featured in *The Tennessean*, *Footwear News*, *Runner's World*, *Ladies' Home Journal*, *National Geographic's The Green Guide*, and *The New York Times*. The organization has appeared on CBS, ABC, NBC, FOX, BBC, and

thousands of regional news outlets across North America.

On Palm Sunday, March 29th, volunteers gathered in Moseley Hall following the 10:00 am service and boxed 1,093 pair of shoes which were shipped to Nashville. St. Mary's has shipped over 5,600 pair of shoes to *Soles4Souls* the past five years. We thank all those who contributed and packed shoes. A special thank you to Rachel Singer for her leadership in this ministry.

### Congratulations!

St. Mary's offers congratulations to Caroline and Trent Mooring on the birth of Amelia Louise Mooring. Amelia entered the world on March 25, 2015. Happy grandparents are Stephen and Holly Hill.

### Pentecost – wear the red!



Sunday, May 24th is Pentecost (Greek *pentecoste*, "fiftieth"). It is a Christian festival observed on the 50th day after Easter, commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles as they celebrated the ancient Jewish feast of Shabuoth (Acts 2:1-4).

On May 24th, we encourage you to wear red, in celebration of Pentecost. This also marks the Church's birthday. We look forward to seeing the return of the doves in the church symbolizing the Holy Spirit living and moving among us.

### “Lemonade on the Lawn” begins in June

Light summer refreshments will be offered on Sundays this summer. Once again we will be offering a time of fellowship and refreshment following the 10:00 am celebration of the Holy Eucharist. “Lemonade on the Lawn” will begin June 21st and ends, August 16th.



Individuals or families can go together to host the refreshments. You are asked to provide lemonade and something to eat. A sign-up sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Paper products will be provided.

Linda Johnson, our Parish Secretary, will be coordinating this ministry. Should you have any questions, call Linda at 252-523-6146 ext. 21 or email her at [www.ljohnson@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:www.ljohnson@stmaryskinston.com).

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Annual Kinston-Lenoir County  
**COMMUNITY PRAYER  
BREAKFAST**



**The GATE of Lenoir  
County**

201 East Gordon St., Kinston

**May 7th 7:00 am-8:00 am**

Sponsored by  
**The Association of Congregations**

*Tickets available at The GATE*  
Call 939-3223 to reserve your seat

*Tickets are \$10.00 per person.*

## ***Cherished Member Luncheon***

Remember to mark your calendar for **May 7th**, at 11:30 am, as that date marks Mary's Cherished Members and Friends Luncheon. Please feel free to invite a friend. A sign-up sheet may be found in the Narthex or simply call the secretary at 523-6146 to sign up. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP by May 5th. This is the last luncheon until the fall.

### **SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 am – Sunday School

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 am — Morning Prayer

### **ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2015	2016	2017
W. Scott Newton II	Stephen B. Hill	H. Earl Harper
Cyndi L. Rafferty	Isaac C. Hines	J. Mark Herring
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Stuart L. Stroud	Kevin M. Zoltek	John "Sandy" Shimer Jr.

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Junior Warden – J. Mark Herring

Clerk – Cyndi L. Rafferty

Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley