



September, 2016

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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The Episcopal Church

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In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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In the United States

A community of 1.9 million members in 118 dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1788.

Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.

Founded in 1883.

Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Robert S. Skirving

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A church of 362 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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Mrs. LaTonya Smith

Parish Secretary

Mrs. Linda Johnson

Director of Children's Ministries

Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough

Mission Trip to the DR



The presentation about the Dominican Republic Mission Trip will be on Sunday, September 25 after the 10am liturgy.



Stay Connected with your Church Family via our Online Directory & Mobile App!

Members of St. Mary's can access our online directory, update their contact information and preferences, make contributions online and see their statements using a computer or mobile device.

To create an account and access the member directory follow the link on the church website titled "[St. Mary's Member Log In.](#)"

With the [Church Life app](#) for your smartphone or other mobile device, members can access the online directory from any location, call or text other members immediately, or even get directions. For more information, see Fr. Tom.

Update on Transitions at St. Mary's

A Letter from the Senior Warden, Mr. P.C. Barwick

Dear Parish Family,

The vestry is moving right along in our preparations for the calling of an Interim Rector. We met again with Canon Stockard on Monday, August 8 to review the Interim Ministry Portfolio Information (IMPI) form required by the Diocese. The IMPI required a great deal of information about the Parish and is used by the Diocese in "advertising" for candidates. It also should "speed up" the process of bringing an Interim Rector to St. Mary's.

The Parochial Report for 2015 and the 2014 report of the Renewal Works Commission (RWC) were helpful and Stuart Lindley, our Treasurer, along with our staff, LaTonya Smith, Linda Johnson, Shelly Yarbrough and Father Tom were instrumental in assisting with the draft of the documents. The RWC report, especially, provided answers to important questions. Thank you to the members who participated in the Renewal Works surveys and to the Task Force that compiled the final report.

The vestry spent about an hour with Canon Stockard on August 8 reviewing the IMPI draft and getting answers to their questions. In our formal meeting following the meeting with Canon Stockard, the vestry approved the IMPI and its use by the Diocese in "soliciting" candidates.

Our next meeting with Canon Stockard is Monday, September 12, 2016. We anticipate that the vestry will receive the name of at least one candidate at that meeting and begin its process of selecting your Interim Rector.

Keep your vestry in your daily prayers during this time of change.

P.C. Barwick, Jr

Senior Warden



An Update from the Organist Search Committee

The search is underway for a new Choir Director/Organist at St. Mary's. In June, the Vestry approved the establishment of a Search Committee, which includes Dee Warner (Chair), Ike Hines, Vicki Kennedy, Bill Connolly, Eleanor Beasley, Whitney Grady, and Anne Cooper. We first met in June and developed the position description and job posting. We posted the position in the area's AGO (Organist Guild) and communicated the opening to individuals and educators in the profession. The position was posted for the month of July and we received a number of applicants. The committee completed the first round of reviews and selected several to come for an interview and play for a service. These will be scheduled in the coming weeks. Please welcome these candidates warmly when they come! We welcome any ideas and input you may have.

Worship



THANK YOU so much to all who brought school supplies in to be given to our young friends and neighbors at Northwest Elementary School. The offering was so gracious! All of the supplies were blessed at the 10am liturgy on August 21, along with the backpacks of our own students returning to their studies this semester. If you would like to learn more about the partnership that St. Mary's has with our

Hand-In-Hand school, Northwest Elementary, please contact Laury Sargeant (jsarg4@suddenlink.net) or Becky Darst (rcdarst@suddenlink.net). May God continue to bless this ministry!

Mary's Day celebration

St. Mary's Day will be observed on Sunday, September 11! This is the Matron Feast Day of our church family. The Eucharist will be celebrated and special music enjoyed.

Additionally, a church-wide breakfast is being planned for **the time in between the liturgies at 9am** in Moseley Hall. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars now and plan to celebrate this special day in the life of St. Mary's Church!



St. Cecilia's BUZZ.....

3 year olds
through First
Graders



Wednesdays from 5:45-6:15 pm
beginning September 14th
in the Parlor

Learn about God! Sing songs!
Make new friends with SYLVIA
Poole, Susan Fox, and Betty
Deveau!

Who was St. Mary the Virgin?

Mary was an Israelite Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee and the mother of Jesus.

Traditionally, Christians believe that she conceived her son, Jesus the Christ, miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit. This took place when she was already betrothed to Joseph and was awaiting the concluding rite of marriage, the formal home-taking ceremony. She married Joseph and accompanied him to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. In keeping with Jewish custom, the betrothal would have taken place when she was around 12, and the birth of Jesus about a year later.

The Virgin Mary is viewed as the ultimate compassionate human being, and holy, in part, because of her willingness to accede to God's wishes. For the time period in which she lived, carrying a child without first being married was a monumental request. Further, the Virgin Mary had to willingly sacrifice that child, surpassing even Abraham, in her ability not to interfere in God's ways and means. Like our matron saint, we too are called to carry out the ministry of compassion each and every day of our lives.

Coming This Fall

PARISH FAMILY NIGHT & BIBLE STUDIES FOR ALL AGES!!

Following the positive response to last year's Wednesday Parish Family Nights, these programs are continuing in 2016-2017. Here is our plan for Wednesday nights at St. Mary's. We look forward to seeing you!

The Nursery opens at 5:15.

- **5:30-6:15 pm**

EYC for Middle & High Schoolers and E(lementary) EYC for 2nd-5th Grade

Audra Haddad will be leading a Book Study in the Bookstore on *The Rule of St. Benedict* - a contemporary translation by Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove.

- **5:45-6:15 pm**

Thanks to the leadership of Sylvia Poole, Susan Fox, and Betty Deveau, St. Cecilia's Choir returns for children 3 years of age through the 1st Grade in the Parlor!

A nursery attendant can bring kids who are already in the Nursery to St. Cecilia's Choir at this time.

- **6:15 pm**

Wednesday Night Supper with an activity/game/conversation led by a member or family of the congregation.

Pre-school through 5th Graders:
You're invited to the
3rd Annual



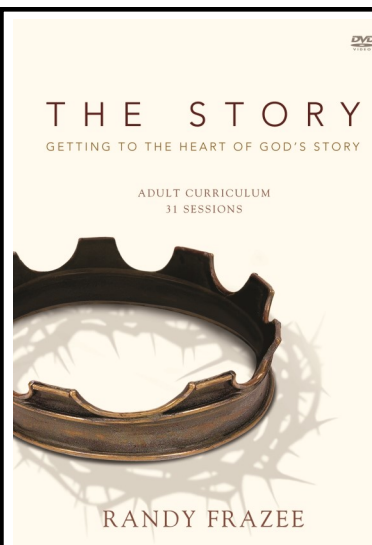
Project FreeFALL starts on Sep 18!!! At Project FreeFALL, kids will learn about how life can be a real adventure with God leading and helping us along the way. Get a taste of the fun & blessings of Project FreeFALL at the Kickoff **SPLASH BASH Party for the whole family on Saturday, September 17, at 5:00 p.m.** on the church's west lawn!

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Adult Christian Formation classes take place Sunday morning from 11:15 a.m. until 12:00 noon in Moseley Hall. Join us for a cup of coffee and stay for these offerings:

September 18 - "Glory Ridge 2016" - After being commissioned at the 8 am Sunday Eucharist on July 3, young people and adults from St. Mary's left to go to Glory Ridge in Madison County, NC. They spent a week worshipping in community while rehabbing homes. They will talk about their experiences of Grace!

September 25 - "Mission trip to the Dominican Republic - July 14th - 21st" - For the fourth time in five years, a mission trip from St. Mary's visited the church of Divina Gracia, in Mosovi, DR. Team members will lead the session and talk about their experiences of building relationships and share the love of Christ with our sister church.



The Story returns to St. Mary's In October

The Story is an a b r i d g e d , c h r o n o l o g i c a l Bible that reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and scripture segments are seamlessly woven together with transition text into a single grand narrative.

For those intimidated or overwhelmed by the unabridged Bible, *The Story* helps people understand God's Word more fully and engage with it more easily.

Simple, accessible, and easy to use, churches are finding *The Story* a powerful way to engage their people in Bible reading like never before. As *The Story* brings the Bible to life, the broad scope of God's message will penetrate hearts. People of all ages will be swept up in the story of God's love and God's plan for their lives.

The Story returns October 2 in Moseley Hall at 11:15 am. Bring a friend!

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Tuesday, September 6

*Happening Team
Registration Deadline*

Saturday, Sep 17

*yOUTHREACH
(Diocesan Youth Event
for grades 6-12)*

Sunday, Sep 18

Glory Ridge Presentation

*Noon: EYC Parent Mtg
& Lunch followed by
Kick-Off Party at Simply
Natural Creamery!!*

Wed, Sep 14, 5:30-6:15pm

EYC Meets!!!!

Wed, Sep 21, 5:30-6:15pm

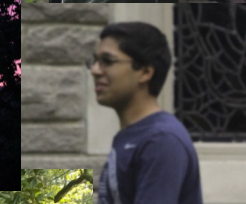
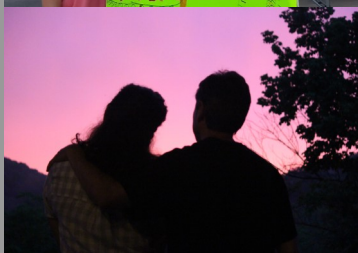
EYC Meets!!!!

*Happening Registration
Deadline*

**Saturday, September
24**

*Happening #68 Team
Meeting*

October 21-23



Other News



STOCK THE LARDER: A Canning Workshop event has been planned to preserve apples by making apple sauce on Thursday, September 15 (5:30-7:30 pm) in Moseley Hall.

This event has two goals: 1) provide an educational experience for anyone to learn or share knowledge about how to preserve fresh foods, and 2) help stock the larder of Mary's Kitchen with home made apple sauce. Come enjoy learning from Lenoir County Cooperative Extension Director Tammy Kelly and be a part of providing wholesome foods for Mary's Kitchen to offer to anyone who comes through their doors seeking a good meal. Please let us know if you are coming so we can make sure there's enough supplies for all!



From the Parish Register

Marriage: Stephen Perry to Annalise Farris
 on August 20, 2016

Pastoral News

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING for three births in our extended parish and diocesan family: Kinley Elaine Miller was born June 20, 2016. Kinley is the daughter of **Katelyn (Shaw)** and Jonathan Miller. Aaden Atkinson was born on May 23, 2016 to **Summer Jackson**. **Barbara and Richard Crumbacker** are the joyful grandparents!

Logan Allen Buckner was born on August 17, 2016 to Cate and Allen Buckner. **Bishop Rob and Sandy Skirving** are the joyful grandparents!



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Cherished Members and Friend's Luncheon



Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends are invited to the next luncheon to be held on Thursday, September 1. The luncheon gets underway at 11:30 a.m. in Moseley Hall.

If you've not been before we, urge you to attend. It's a great time to get together with friends, new and old.

Those planning to attend are asked to sign up in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office. The luncheons are a ministry of St. Mary's ECW.

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 a.m. – Sunday School

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2016

Stephen B. Hill

Isaac C. Hines

Barbara A. LaRoque

Kevin M. Zoltek

2017

H. Earl Harper

J. Mark Herring

John K. John

John "Sandy" Shimer, Jr.

2018

P.C. Barwick, Jr.

Clifton W. Carey

Rebecca "Becky" C. Darst

Milton D. "Dee" Warner

Senior Warden – P.C. Barwick, Jr.

Junior Warden – J. Mark Herring

Clerk – Becky Darst

Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley