



October, 2018

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

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Hurricane Florence



Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

When “the storm” hits, what should we do? On the Sunday after the joyful Celebration of New Ministry service & party, we observed the Feast of St. Mary. I mentioned in the sermon that morning that Mary couldn’t see around the corner of what lay ahead in her life. Things that she never could have expected lay ahead - incredibly difficult and miraculously wonderful things. Even so, she trusted in God and said *let it be with me according to your word* and then, in time, she lived her life following her son, Jesus.

We who call St. Mary’s Episcopal Church our spiritual home, likewise, can’t know all that lies ahead. We don’t know when “the storms” of life may come, what they will look like for us, and the impact they’ll have. But we are called to have the same trusting faith that God is good and, therefore, has good things for us that will unfold in God’s timing. And as we live each day in that trust, we do the best we can to follow our Lord’s call to love God and to love our neighbors.

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As bad as Hurricane Florence was and its impact remains on our region, it has been a blessing to see God's people answer the calls that God placed on their hearts and spring into action. Some were called to notice the literal neighbor whose needs were obvious, others to call or visit and ask about what could be done to help, others to gather with crowds and clean common areas and public spaces that are significant to the community, others to lift up their prayers for safety and healing, and still others to cook, serve, and deliver meals near and far. It was beautiful to sense worldly divisions fade during these times. God, who is at the core of every good thing, directed these all, and we give thanks! The work

towards recovery is long - be vigilant in your love!

It is fitting that in this month of October, we will also be attentive to stewardship. At St. Mary's, we understand tithing and other giving, not as our answer to the question "how can the church afford X, Y, or Z?" but rather as our response of gratitude to the ways in which we have experienced God's blessings. Expect to hear more about this from Kevin Zoltek, who will be leading our season of Stewardship this year. **Note that on Sunday, October 28, there will only be one liturgy, at 10:30am. At that time we will gather for Consecration Sunday to make our offerings and "Estimate of Giving" for the year, followed by a Celebration Banquet in Moseley Hall.** We will also be joined that morning by the Rev. Dr. Brooks Graebner who will teach at the morning's adult forum and preach in the liturgy. Read more about Fr. Brooks on page 5 of this Bellringer. Please set apart this time now on your calendars.



The Rev. Dr. Brooks Graebner,
our guest on Consecration Sunday

May God, who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, continue to bless this parish abundantly and to bless each one of you and your families!

Tom⁺

Continued Disaster Relief



As people ask you where contributions may be made for hurricane relief efforts, there are countless appropriate responses. Please feel free to direct them to the following efforts of our Diocese:

[Mary's Kitchen and the St. Mary's Hurricane Relief Fund may be funded by selecting the desired option on our website](https://onrealm.org/stmaryskinston/Give) (<https://onrealm.org/stmaryskinston/Give>). Checks may also be sent to the church office at 800 Rountree Street; Kinston, NC 28501.

[The Hurricane Relief Fund of the Diocese of East Carolina](http://www.ecdio.org) (<http://www.ecdio.org>)

[Trinity Center](http://www.trinityctr.com) (www.trinityctr.com) is currently projecting \$170k of lost revenue while they are unable to host groups, in addition to the costs of repairing sustained damage.

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 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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Sr. Warden	The Hon. Jon Sargeant
Jr. Warden	Mr. Walter Poole

Episcopal Church Women

22nd Annual Thanksgiving Event

Sunday, November 18th, Noon-2:00 pm

Mary's Market will be here before we know it! We will continue to have pre-orders and a great bakery section built around holiday meals. We will be adding a few new selections to the pre-orders that we think you will be excited about!

Please note that quantities of pre-orders will be limited so you will want to get your form and check in quickly. The deadline to place orders and pay for items is November 7th. You will receive an email with the order form attached. Please forward this to others who may want to order or attend the luncheon. Encourage friends from other churches to come.

We hope all of you are planning on making lots of items for our now famous bakery selection. We welcome all kinds of homemade cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, cheese straws, or breads. Please package and wrap all of your items as attractively as you can.

Please bring your bakery items to Moseley Hall on Saturday, November 17th between 2:00 and 4:00. This will be a big help, as we need to price these items to be ready to sell the next day. Lunch will be provided by members of ECW this year. Tickets are \$10 at the door. There will also be a \$500 raffle at \$5 per ticket.

All are welcome to an **ECW Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30pm in Moseley Hall** to continue these plans.

ECW Bulb Sale

It's time to order flower bulbs! Order forms may be picked up in the Narthex or [printed from the church website](#). Please make checks payable to St. Mary's ECW and return to the church office by **Friday, October 19**.

Questions? Contact Juliet Barrus (252-523-3229), Kathy Gilmore (252-523-0546), or Frances Jilcott (252-286-8755). Thank you for joining the ECW in growing beauty on the earth and for supporting the ministries of the ECW!



Worship



MASS ON THE GRASS & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 7 will be a very special day at St. Mary's! **The 10:30am liturgy will be outdoors on the West Lawn** (weather permitting). Bring a lawn chair and a heart for worship! Breakfast & Christian formation classes will take place as usual beforehand. **Then at 5pm, ALL ANIMALS** are welcome inside St. Mary's Church for the annual Blessing of the Animals liturgy!! Pets are part of God's creation that offer companionship and so often reflect God's love - so we give God thanks for these friends and ask God's blessing over them and our lives together. Animals are to be accompanied by their human friends and restrained either by leash or carrier/cage. A special offering of monetary donations or pet food will be collected for the **Lenoir County SPCA**. Invite a friend on this great day!



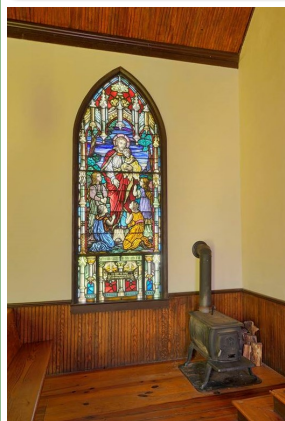
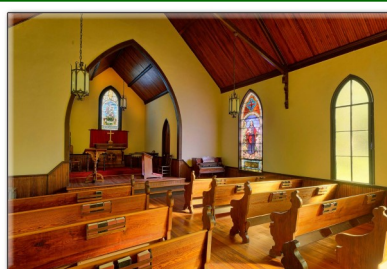
From the Parish Register

Transfer Out of **Samuel "Sammy" J. Gilmore, Jr.** to St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Wilson, NC)

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING for the birth of Elizabeth Mattie Turner born on September 24th. Elizabeth is the daughter of Greg & Sarah Turner.



A SOCIAL AND TRAINING FOR THE USHERS has been planned for **Sunday, October 14 at 5pm** at the church. Clifton Carey's world-famous jambalaya will be served. All current and prospective ushers are asked to be present for this important time together where we'll enjoy fellowship and go over usher-specific roles in recent changes to our 10:30 liturgy.



THE NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL SERVICE AT ST. BARNABAS CHURCH will be **Saturday, October 27 at 10am** in Snow Hill, NC.

The Holy Eucharist liturgy will be from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer and a pot-luck luncheon will follow in the home of Sandra Warren (106 W. Greene Street). All are welcome! Special thanks to Laddie Crisp who shared these images with us.

Note the stained glass windows - they were originally in St. Mary's Church, before the current church was built.

Christian Education

WHO ARE WE?

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

are back! Children have an age-appropriate lesson based on the Bible lessons of the day, Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers meet in their own groups to learn more about the Anglican tradition and engaging the Christian faith with issues of their ages, and the adults have begun a series that explores **Who We Are** (as Christians, as Anglicans, as part of the Diocese of East Carolina, as the faithful who live out our

faith here at St. Mary's, and more). All classes start at 9:30am right after breakfast!

Brooks Graebner will be our special guest teacher on Sunday, October 28. Fr. Brooks is the one-time Rector of St. Matthew's (Hillsborough), Historiographer of the Diocese of North Carolina, and occasional lecturer at Duke Divinity School. He will teach about *who we are* as members of the Anglican presence in the State of North Carolina. A link to when Fr. Brooks was featured in Our State magazine is [here](http://prayer.ourstate.com/brooks-graebner/index.html) (<http://prayer.ourstate.com/brooks-graebner/index.html>).

Boar's Head & Ironclad: A Fun Match!

Get ready for Boar's Head 2019 by marking your calendars now!

Choir Practices:

Sunday, Nov 4th, 2-3:30pm
 Sunday, Nov 11th, 2-3:30pm
 Sunday, Nov 18th, 2-3:30pm
 Sunday, Dec 2nd, 4-5:30pm
 Sunday, Dec 9th, 2-3:30pm
 Wednesday, Jan 2nd, 6:30-8:30pm

Costume Fittings:

Wednesday, Nov 7th, 3-7pm
 Wednesday, Nov 14th, 3-7pm
 Sunday, Nov 18th, 11:45am-4pm
 Sunday, Dec 9th, 11:45am-4pm
 Sunday, Dec 16th, 11:45-2pm

The Actual Festival!

Sat, Jan 5, 9am = Mandatory Dress Rehearsal
 Sun, Jan 6, 3pm & 5pm: Boar's Head Festival

St. Mary's is on the route for Kinston's 1/2 Marathon & 5k race! In the spirit of



Christian hospitality, St. Mary's will serve as an Aid Station near the home stretch for the race on **October 20**. Can you cheer on the runners and hand out water that Saturday morning? **Some will even be dressed in Boar's Head costumes to start spreading the news of our Festival!** If you want to help, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

POC is Audra Haddad



The next American Red Cross Blood Drive in Moseley Hall will be Thursday, **November 1** from 2-6pm. Save the Date and Save a Life.



**ATTENTION MIDDLE AND
HIGH SCHOOLERS:
AWESOME THINGS
ARE HAPPENING
@ ST. MARY'S!!!!**

Due to the requests of St. Mary's youth, we are excited to begin two new Bible studies this fall!

1. Join "Coach" Terah on Tuesday mornings 6:45-7:30am at the BoJangles near the hospital for Morning Coffee & Conversation with Jesus... aka "B4 - Brew & Biscuits Before Books."
2. Join "Coach" Holly on Sunday evenings 7:45-9pm in the Youth Room for a Girls-Only study using "The Bible Project" followed by Compline.

Also new this year is the Choristers program offered by Choir Director Sharon on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30pm. Check it out!



AND, Did you know we now have BREAKFAST AT CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY?!? ...9am - Moseley Hall - Delicious!

(there's even a Coffee Hour at 11:45am!)

We will keep offering:

Wednesdays:

3pm: Homework Hangout with
"Coach" Kelli
5:30pm: EYC
6:15pm: Supper

Sundays:

9:30am: Christian Formation
10:30am: Holy Eucharist Rite 2
(Thank you, Servers!)

P.S. EYC, You are the apple of my eye!!! :) Love, "Coach"

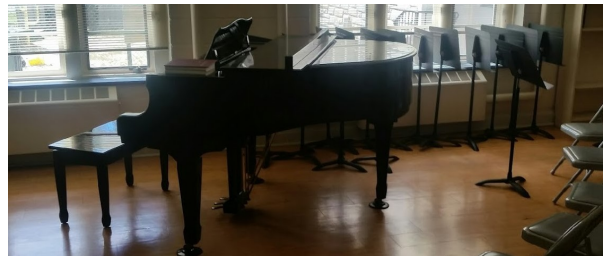


Other News



St. Mary's is hosting a "Trunk-or-Treat" in the church parking lot from 5-6pm on **Halloween, Tuesday, October 31** (set-up begins at 4pm). Church members and friends are asked to reserve a parking space and decorate their vehicles to welcome children from the neighborhood on their Trick-Or-Treating rounds. This is an excellent way to offer a fun, safe, and joyful gift to others. Please sign up for a spot on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Contact Shelly Yarbrough (yarbros@pitt.k12.nc.us) or Heather Wentz (hawentz@msn.com) with any questions.

New Choir Room Piano



The children of our beloved in Christ, Bert and Bettie Saville, have given to St. Mary's their baby grand piano. Its new home is in the Choir Room where it will be enjoyed regularly to the Glory of God. Our gratitude extends to our Lord for placing it on the hearts of Sherrie, Bonney, and Todd to make this gift that will enrich the worship life at St. Mary's Episcopal Church for years to come.

Our usual Wednesday evening activities are canceled for All Hallow's Eve, October 31, except for Chancel Choir Practice. Enjoy the Trunk or Treat!

Equipping the Saints for Ministry

The ministries of St. Mary's Church are organized through the work of committees & commissions and thrive with participation of every member. Here are upcoming opportunities to join in:



The Fellowship Commission will meet on Thursday, October 18 at 5:30pm in the Parlor.

The Worship Commission will meet on Sunday, October 21 at 12:15pm after the Coffee Hour in the Vestry Room.

The Outreach Commission will meet on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:45 in the Vestry Room, right after Wednesday night supper.

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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, October 4th**. The luncheon gets underway at **11:30 a.m.** in Moseley Hall.

If you've not been before, why wait?! It's a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a delicious meal.

Those planning to attend are asked to **sign up in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, Oct. 2nd**. The luncheons are a ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women.



SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

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

9am – Breakfast in Moseley Hall

9:30 a.m. – Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:45 a.m. – Coffee Hour & Lectionary Bible Study

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

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2018

P.C. Barwick, Jr.
 Clifton Carey
 Becky Darst
 Dee Warner, Jr.

2019

Juliet Barrus
 Walter Poole, Jr.
 Jim Purnell
 Jon Sargeant

2020

Jess Edwards
 Gerry Fox
 Whitney Grady
 Jo Parrott

Senior Warden - Jon Sargeant
 Junior Warden - Walter Poole, Jr.
 Clerk - Becky Darst
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