



November, 2018

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

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I believe in...

the communion of saints,

... the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting."

From the Baptismal Covenant and Apostles' & Nicene Creeds; BCP, 304

What comes to your mind when you think of November? Thanksgiving? Veterans' Day? Election Day? Mary's Market and Fall festivals? The dread of accidentally showing up to church an hour early with the end of daylight saving time?!

For me, November begins and ends with very special days. All Saints' Day is November 1 and we at St. Mary's observe this holy day on the first Sunday in November: our Christian Formation programming and worship being shaped in special ways around this occasion. The evening is also marked by the beautiful evensong liturgy - a gift of the Anglican tradition that offers a moving experience of worship in the beauty of holiness. All Saints' Day is a day to recall the powerful examples and witnesses of Christian living that we've received from the *pillars of the faith* throughout history... those who inspire us by their trust in God and the Christian hope, convict us by their courage, and bid us to grow by their teaching. We can learn much from them as we discern faithful Christian responses to our own challenging situations today.

The other special November day for me is the 29th: the anniversary of my baptism. On this day in 1981, the Rev. Jim Alves of St. Christopher's Church (New Carrollton, MD) baptized me amidst a congregation who affirmed the apostolic faith of Christ Jesus and promised to uphold me in my life of faith. Indeed, they have been saints to me - a few were even present at our Celebration of New Ministry. I recently read the sermon preached at my baptism. It proclaimed "God gives us in baptism a wider fellowship - His body, the church, in which to be fed and nurtured."

This year, I am reminded of the miraculous connection between these two November days: that the "wider fellowship" of the church extends to include those people physically present at a baptism, to all other Christians in every place, and even in every time... even those who have entered into Christ's eternal glory ahead of us. The faith we proclaim in baptism, through the Christian hope of resurrection, ties us powerfully to all believers in every age and place.

I plan to light votive candles on All Saints' Day and my baptismal candle on November 29, offering prayers of thanksgiving for all that God has done and in celebration of God's amazing grace and gift of new life in Him each and every day. What a privilege it is to serve Christ! I encourage you to pause in the coming weeks to give thanks for the saints in your life and ask for guidance in how God is calling you to saintly living today.

Your in Christ,
Tom+

Upcoming Events

DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS TIME
ENDS
NOVEMBER 4TH

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

All Saints' Sunday and Evensong, November 4th

For all the saints, who from their labors rest - All Saints' Sunday is a deeply meaningful feast day to recall the faithful in Christ who have gone before us. We will observe this feast day on Sunday morning, Nov 4. Later that evening, at 5pm, the choir will lead us in an **All Saints' Evensong**. During this service, the names of those who have been interred in the St. Francis' Garden will be named in prayer, along with the names of other loved ones who have been listed on the Roll of Remembrance. It always is a very moving time of thanking God for these lives that have touched ours and also for giving witness to Christ's resurrection. Come out Sunday evening, November 4th at 5:00pm to celebrate the saints that have gone before us in a beautiful Evensong.

Compline Under the Stars

Sunday, November 25, 2018 at 6:15pm

Prayers. Campfires. S'mores. & Hot Chocolate.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church West Lawn



Be sure to check out the St. Mary's bookstore for Advent and Christmas resources and gifts ~ COMING SOON!



From the Parish Register

Death of Mrs. Dorothy Harvey on October 18th
(mother of Dr. Will Harvey)

Death of Mr. Oscar Greene, Jr. on October 25th

Episcopal Church Women

Mary's Market

22nd Annual Thanksgiving Event Sunday, November 18th, Noon - 2:00 pm

Mary's Market will be here before we know it! Last year we changed our business model to pre-orders, coupled with a great bakery section, all built around holiday meals with specialty items that complement these dinners. Well, it worked! We tried it on for size, and so far, we think it fits! So, we're doing it again!

Please note that quantities of pre-orders will be limited so you will want to respond quickly. The deadline to place orders and pay for the item is November 7th. By now, you should have received an email with the flyer attached so you may forward it to others who might want to order or attend. The email also contains [a link to the church website where you can download the flyer and order form.](#)

We hope all of you are planning on making lots of items for our now-famous bakery section. We welcome all kinds of homemade cakes, pies, cookies, brownies, cheese straws, breads... anything that makes losing weight hard. Please package and wrap all of your items as attractively as you can. This really helps to sell our "goodies."

Please bring your bakery items to Moseley Hall on Saturday, November 17th, between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. This will be a big help, as we will have to price these items to be ready to sell the next day.

A delicious lunch will be served at this year's market by the ECW. Lunch tickets are \$10 at the door. There also will be a \$500 RAFFLE at \$5 a ticket.

This year ECW is passionate and committed to outreach projects with a focus on hurricane relief. As always, it is the goal of the St. Mary's Market to provide for needs both within the Parish and in surrounding communities.

Let's put on our aprons and shake and bake!



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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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From the Choirmaster

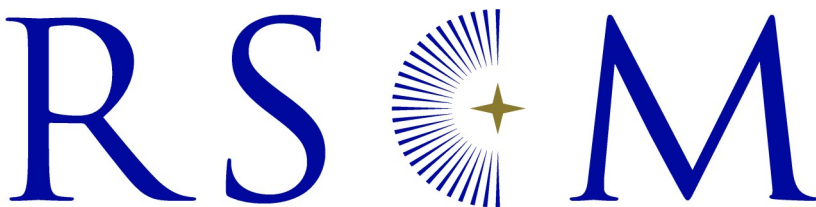
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he music ministry has begun with St. Cecilia Singers (ages 3-5), Training Choristers (K-5th grade), and Choristers (6th grade and above).

Recently the St. Cecilia Singers brought a joyful countenance to the congregation as they led the opening processional with their in sync rhythm to "Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness." Look forward to hearing the St. Cecilia Singers in November with the sounds of "Jubilate!"

The Training Choristers joined the Chancel Choir in the beautiful anthem, "Lord, in thy mercy." The Training Choristers are learning the basics of being a Chorister, good singing technique and elemental music training. They are currently working on "Jubilate" for a Sunday morning in November and "Alleluia" in December.

The Choristers continue to be exposed to wonderful anthems and work with the Chancel Choir. The boy choristers' voices produce the sounds that are uniquely characteristic to this group. The girl choristers sing melodies that are reminiscent of holiness and clarity. The Choristers are working toward their first ribbon and medal through the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). The goal of the Choristers is in singing to bring glory to God, to lift the hearts of the congregation, and to instill a sense of the majesty of Christ in who they are.



Music Ministry (continued from page 4)



THE CHORISTER'S PRAYER

Bless, O Lord, thy servants,
 Who minister in thy temple.
 Grant that what we sing with our lips,
 We may believe in our hearts,
 And may show forth in our lives.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Boar's Head 2019 Updates

Choir Practice:

Sunday, Nov 4th, 2-3:30pm
 Sunday, Nov 11th, 2-3:30pm
 (Sopranos & Altos)
 Sunday, Nov 18th, 2-3:30pm
 (Tenors & Basses)
 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, 11:45am-2pm

The Actual Festival!

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



Mark your calendars for the annual community performance of Handel's Messiah, held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 17 at 7pm.

Because this is a community performance, all singers high school age and above are welcome to join this choir. Rehearsals will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Dr. John O'Brien. Contact Dr. O'Brien at OBRIENJ@ecu.edu.

Sunday, Nov 25th, 2:00-3:30 pm
 Sunday, Dec 2nd, 2:00-3:30 pm
 Sunday, Dec 9th, 5:00-7:30 pm
 Sunday, Dec 16th, 3:30-5:00 pm
 Monday, Dec 17th, 4:00-6:00 pm (dress rehearsal)
 Monday, Dec 17th, 7:00 pm (performance)

Christian Formation

**WHO
ARE WE?**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES meet every Sunday morning right after breakfast. 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 are continuing 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! Make Christian formation a part of your *whole* experience of traveling the journey in faith at St. Mary's.

Continuing Education at Trinity Center: The Transformation of Conflict - The Diocesan School for Ministry is pleased to invite you to attend the weekend continuing education workshop on the Transformation of Conflict led by the Rev. James Isaacs (pictured to the right), a member of Cooperative by Design. This workshop will be held at Trinity Center from November 30th to December 2nd. Visit www.ecdio.org to learn more and to get registered.



Upcoming Vestry & Diocesan Selections

Vestry & Diocesan Convention Delegate

»»»»»»»»»»»» NOMINATIONS ««««««««««««

Are you called to serve?



The Vestry of St. Mary's has a vital role in the leadership of this parish. The responsibilities of the vestry encompass areas of leadership and management in partnership with the Rector. Serving on the Vestry of St. Mary's is service to Christ Himself and is an honor and privilege.

Twelve Vestry members serve for rotating terms of three years each. Four Vestry members are elected each year at the Annual Parish Meeting that occurs on the second Sunday of Advent (December 9, 2018). Also elected at this time are the 3 delegates from St. Mary's to the Diocesan Convention (February 7-9, 2019 in Wilmington).

Those qualified for nomination for election to the Vestry and Convention Delegate are required by canon to be ***a confirmed member, sixteen years or older, who has been faithful in corporate worship as evidenced by the receiving of Communion in this church three (3) times during the previous year, unless for good cause prevented; and, has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.***

A list of parishioners who are eligible was sent via email on November 1 and is posted in the narthex. Members of the church are asked by the Vestry to nominate no more than 6 names from this list, either by emailing the names to lkelly@stmaryskinston.com or by printing the list, circling the names, and bringing the list to the church office. **Emails or hard-copies must clearly show the name of the person submitting the nomination and must be received no later than 4:30pm on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.**

An EYC Mad Lib for November

Directions: Team up with a friend and replace the blue words with new ones. Then, bring your completed puzzle to EYC for a prize!

Last month was packed with **activities** for EYC! We played **hot** potato, had a **photo** shoot, received **advice** from **George Washington**, went to Happening, dressed up to hand out **water** to runners and candy to **trick-or-treaters**, hung out to **do** homework, saw the play **Little Women**, **flew** in The Wizard of Oz, ate **breakfast** at BoJ's, said "We will!" for Taco, spent some time with a few **acorns**, read about **hitchhiking**, talked about things, made worship worship, and took notes on Genesis



through Numbers. Whew!

This month is **awesome**, too! Sundays, Tuesday mornings, and Wednesdays follow our **regular** sched except the following:

Sun, Nov 4th: Following Choral Evensong, we will show May It Last: A Portrait of the Avett Brothers in **the Youth Room**, complete with **supper**, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm.

Wed, Nov 7th: Our 1st EYC dinner of the program year! Please come when you can to help prepare **breakfast** for dinner, and please stay to help **clean up**.

Wed, Nov 21st: EYC serves at Mary's Kitchen! It's EYC's day-before-**Thanksgiving** tradition. Hope to see **you** there!

For those of you going to the Avett Brothers show at ECU and to Fall Conference at Trinity Center this month, HAVE A **GREAT** TIME!

Stay tuned for more **special** activities and diocesan events coming up in 2019, including a flood relief workday Feb 2nd, **Chili** Cookoff Feb 3rd, another Pilgrimage to **DC**, and **Glory Ridge** July 28-August 3rd!

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Cherished Members and Friends Luncheon

Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends are invited to the next luncheon to be held on **Thursday, November 8, 2018. The luncheon gets underway at 11:30 a.m. in Moseley Hall.**

If you've not been before we, 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, November 6th. The luncheons are a ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women.



SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 am – Breakfast

9:30 am – Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:30 am – Coffee Hour & Lectionary Bible Study

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 am – Morning Prayer

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

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