



February 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



Do you have a favorite hymn or hymns? Maybe it's one that you learned as a little child or another that was sung at your wedding? Our Episcopal tradition is a singing tradition! Our hymns express the language of the heart, not just the mind. It's been said that when you sing, you pray twice; and, Episcopalians are all about prayer and participation in worship. So, besides touching our hearts, hymns also encourage us to be participants in worship rather than simply as observers or listeners.

Which hymns touch your heart and help lift you to those heavenly places where angels sing? We want to know the favorite hymns of St. Mary's! So, **please email your top three favorite hymns to sveitch@stmaryskinston.com**. If you don't do email, just write them down and either mail them to Sharon Veitch, our Director of Music, or put them in her mailbox in the church office. We need them **no later than February 19, 2017**.

On Sunday, February 26th, Transfiguration Sunday (the last Sunday of Epiphany), we will have a Festival of Hymns in the 10:00 am service and sing those hymns that made the top of the list. Of course, we can't sing everybody's favorite on that day, but over the coming year, we will include them in our worship.

What are your favorite hymns, St. Mary's?

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

Episcopal Church Center

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

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

Founded in 1883.

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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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Parish Administrator

Mrs. LaTonya Smith

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Mrs. Linda Johnson

Director of Children's Ministries

Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough

News at St. Mary's

A Chili & Cornbread Cook-off

to raise funds for our Glory Ridge Mission Team!

\$10 suggested donation per person

Prizes for Best In Show, People's Choice, & Most Original...

Everyone gets a vote!!!!

Wednesday, February 1; 6:00 pm
Moseley Hall



St. Mary's EYC Summer Trip to Glory Ridge

Sunday, July 30 through Saturday, August 5

Are you an adult Glory Ridge alumni or one who has considered being a part of the Glory Ridge experience in the past or are you simply curious to hear about this place that has meant so much to many at St. Mary's? If so, we'd love you to join us for a conversation with Jennifer Reda, the Glory Ridge Director of Ministries.

Where: the Mother Earth Brewing Tap Room

When: Tuesday, January 31, 5pm until...

Reminder that our week at Glory Ridge this summer is July 30-August 5. Registration, Community Covenant, & Medical forms are all posted on the Youth page of our Website. Forms and deposit are due Sunday, March 12. Come with us and **MAKE WORK WORSHIP!!**

From the Parish Register

Transfer In:

Greg & Victoria Brown with Rebecca (14) and David (11)

Welcome Brown family!!

From the Senior Warden

Dear Parishioners:

It is time to take the next step during our interim/transition period. Your Vestry has the responsibility of appointing and charging a search committee. That committee will consist of seven (7) members, including two (2) members of your Vestry.

We need your help. Please nominate one or more active parishioners for the consideration of the Vestry in forming this committee. Your nominee should be a regular worshiper and supporter of the on-going life of the parish and able to work with other members of the group, keep confidences and get work done on time.

Of course, in today's world some basic computer skills are essential. The ability to use email and email attachments, basic document management and the capacity to read .pdf documents would make up the core skills.

We ask that you submit your nominee to a member of the Vestry by email or drop your nomination by the church office in an envelope.

Thanks for all that you do. Please continue to keep the Vestry in your daily prayers

P.C. Barwick, Jr
Senior Warden

If you are willing to serve on the Rector Search Committee, please fill out the following form. If you want to recommend another parishioner, please secure their interest and availability to serve before you submit their name and contact information. Please return the completed form to P.C. Barwick, Senior Warden, or Becky Darst, Clerk of Vestry. You may also send the information via email to pcbarwick@suddenlink.net or rcdarst@suddenlink.net.

Name of Person Recommended to Serve: _____

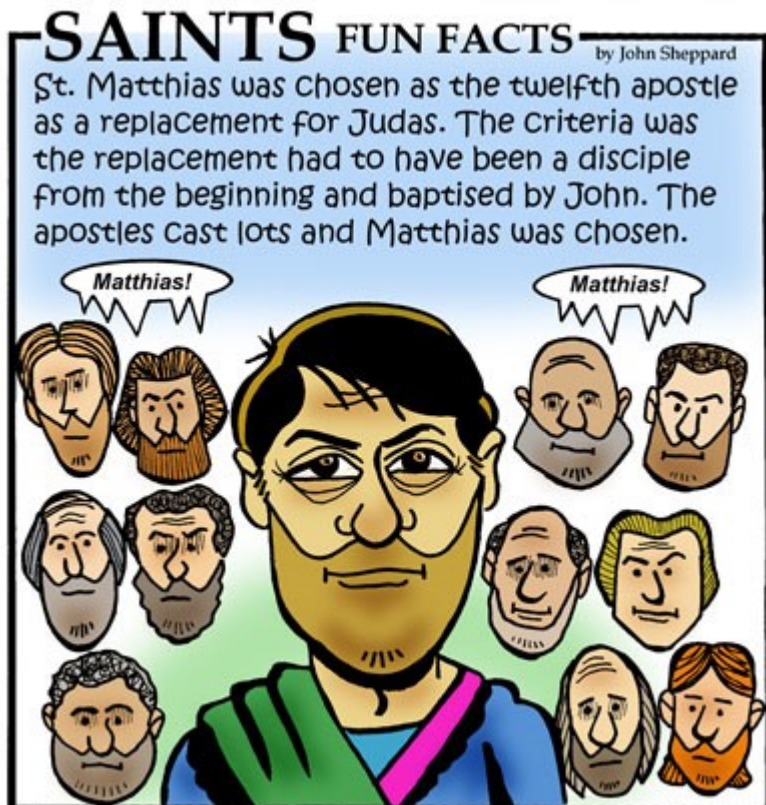
Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

A Prayer for the St. Mary's Parish

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, p. 818)

Worship



St. Mary's observes the

Feast Days of the Church

with a celebration of Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers on Wednesday of whatever week in which the feast day falls on the calendar. All liturgies are held in the All Saints' Chapel at Noon. This month, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Matthias on **Wednesday, February 22**. Prayers of healing of all kinds and for any person are most welcome. Please plan to join your parish family for this service.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER



ANNUAL SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER is hosted by the Vestry and will be on **Tuesday, February 28th from 5-7 p.m. in Moseley Hall**. The celebration will consist of more sausage and pancakes than you can handle. We are excited that the sausage will come from Nooherooka Farms in Snow Hill! The cost of the dinner is \$8 for adults and \$6 for children under the age of 10. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for youth scholarships.

**The Season of
Lent begins
March 1, 2017**



St. Mary's Offers Condolences to the families of Anne Lindley on the death of her father, Paul Blake, and Adrian King on the death of his mother, Laura King.

May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

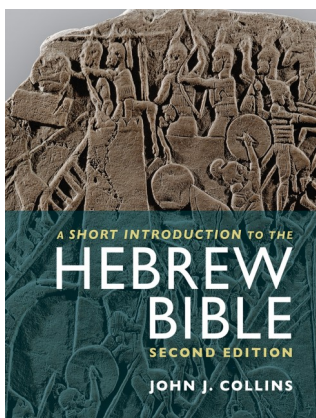
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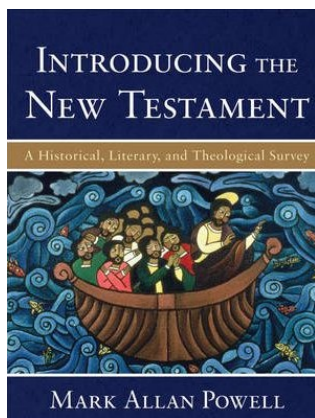
One of the roles of the Church is to equip its members for ministry in the world. The ministry of all of the baptized is needed in order to realize God's work of building up the Kingdom here and now. For over 40 years, the Education for Ministry (Efm) course of study has been a way that Christians have better understood the tenets of the Faith and discerned the implications of the Faith on everyday life. St. Mary's is now positioned to offer this Christian Formation opportunity!

Efm is a four-year parish-based program in theological education that focuses on small-group study and practice. Participants encounter the breadth and depth of the Christian tradition and bring it into conversation with their experiences of the world as they study, worship, and engage in theological reflection together. Efm helps the faithful discover and nurture their unique call to Christian service.

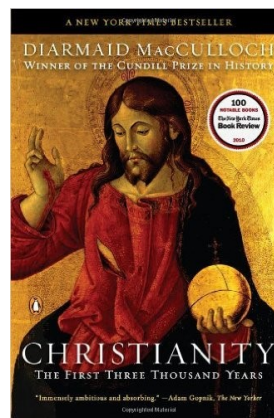
Each Efm 'year' is a nine-month cycle of study. Students enroll for one cycle at a time. Groups must have between 6 and 12 members and begin their 'year' in any month from September through May. We only need a couple more participants to get started! Are you interested in learning more about Efm? If so, please talk to Mo. Judith, Fr. Tom, or Victoria Brown, who is a trained Efm mentor and has experience leading Efm groups.



**Year One:
The Hebrew Bible**



**Year Two:
The New Testament**



**Year Three:
Church History**

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Programs for all ages return on Sunday, January 15th

February 5th - The Story - Chapter 27 - "The Resurrection" *The Story* is an abridged, chronological 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.

February 12th - The Story - Chapter 28 - "New Beginnings"

February 19th - The Story - Chapter 29 - "Paul's Mission"

February 26th - The Story - Chapter 30 - "Paul's Final Days"

DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL Peace
UNIVERSITY

**Monday Nights from 7-8:30pm
Beginning March 6**

Appropriate for singles, couples, and families in any stage of life, this class teaches basic elements of money stewardship that are supported by Biblical principles of living within one's means, getting out of debt, intentionally planning for the future, and giving selflessly towards the betterment of others. FPU has been taken by 4.5 million people and the average family has paid off \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 within the first 90 days of applying the course's lessons. **Point of Contact: Susanne Ballard - susanneballard@gmail.com.**

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Wed, Feb. 1, 5:15-7:30pm

Glory Ridge Chili Cook Off!!!

Sunday, Feb. 5, 11:15-noon

EYC Game Day!

Wednesday, Feb 8

Study. Pray. Eat.

Homework Hangout 3p

EYC/Compline 5:30p

EYC Supper 6:15p

Sunday, Feb 12, 11:15-1:30pm

Celebrate Leah Rose Edwards' Baptism at the 10am liturgy, then EYC Valentine (Cards & Flowers to the community!)

Wednesday, Feb 15

Study. Pray. Eat. Same schedule as Feb 8.

Pilgrimage to Washington, DC (Feb 17-20)

Sunday, Feb 19, 11:15 - Noon

EYC Prayer Walk & Community Clean-Up

Wed, Feb. 22

Study. Pray. Eat. Same schedule as Feb 8.

Sunday, Feb 26, 11:15-noon

EYC Brunch!

Please come and



Where have you experienced the glory of God's presence? For the last 4 years, the EYC of St. Mary's and fortunate adults who have accompanied them have had experiences rich in WORK and WORSHIP, while being immersed in God's beautiful creation and surrounded in Christian fellowship at GLORY RIDGE. With the new 2017 calendar year, we are excited to be making preparations for our return to the Ridge for our 5th mission experience there. Here's how I hope you, dear reader, will prepare:

- Pray for this Mission Trip - that the leaders and participants will be faithful to God's guidance and it will bear fruit for our Lord Jesus in the lives of all who are touched by it.
- Ask God to help you discern if you're called to be a part of this mission team! Registration forms are now in the narthex and on [the Youth page of the St. Mary's website](#). Forms & deposit are due Sunday, March 12.
- Invite a friend to join you at the Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off on Wednesday, February 1. Every single \$ that is raised that night goes to the projects that we do at Glory Ridge. Share in the joy of service, even if you can't go on the trip, by funding it and enabling the group to take on the most life-changing projects.

Bless you and thank you for your part in God's work at Glory Ridge and in the lives of the youth of St. Mary's!

DYA accepts rising high school juniors and seniors into the program. Students and staff come from all over the country, from a wide range of Christian denominations, and many



different racial and cultural backgrounds. Our own Melissa Glen and Glory Ridge worship leader Wilson Greene are both DYA alums and highly commend the program to you! The 2017 DYA Residency will be held June 18-24 at Duke University. Student applications are due April 1, 2017 (no joke!). Visit <https://duyouth.duke.edu/> for more information and to apply.

Other news



Please keep the Diocese of East Carolina in your prayers during the convening of its 134th Convention this month in New Bern, NC. St. Mary's will be represented by Lay Delegates Ike Hines, Adrian King, and Jo Parrott. Will Sargeant will also represent St. Mary's as a Youth Representative.



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If you've ever wished there was something "good" on TV after flipping through all the channels, we can assure you that you can find the Good News with this gift. You may register for your free account anytime on the ["Learn" pages of our website](#). Questions? Please contact the church office and we'll help you get access to this bank of resources.



Who do you think will win the Super Bowl this year??

On Sunday, February 5, St. Mary's will celebrate not only the football game, but also the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** through which anti-hunger ministries will be supported. Simply come to church that morning and put a donation of any amount in the soup pot for the team that you believe will win that night's big game. St. Mary's has a pretty good track record of predicting the victors over the years! The best part is that all of the proceeds will be split evenly and given to **Mary's Kitchen** and **Common Ground of Eastern NC**. So please, let's tackle hunger and play in the SOUPER BOWL!

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SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper



Join us on
 Tuesday, Feb.
 28th for our
 annual Shrove
 Tuesday Pancake
 Supper in
 Moseley Hall
 from 5-7 pm.

The celebration will consist of more sausage and pancakes than you can handle!

The cost of the meal is \$8, or \$6 for children under 10, and no more than \$28 for a family of 2 adults and children under 10. Proceeds from the dinner will be used for youth scholarships.

Shrove Tuesday is the last day before the beginning of Lent. Though "shrove" derives from the word *shrive* (i.e. to repent), Shrove Tuesday is actually a day for great celebrations that use up cooking ingredients which many will forgo during Lent.

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

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2017	2018	2019
H. Earl Harper	P.C. Barwick, Jr.	Ron J. Albertson
J. Mark Herring	Clifton W. Carey	Juliet S. Barrus
John K. John	Becky C. Darst	Walter R. Poole, Jr.
John "Sandy" Shimer, Jr.	Milton D. "Dee" Warner, Jr.	Jonathan L. Sargeant

Senior Warden – P.C. Barwick, Jr.

Junior Warden – Walter R. Poole

Clerk – Becky C. Darst

Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley