



May 2018

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

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PENTECOST AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, which came a few weeks after Jesus' death and resurrection, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from a historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. This is the reason why Pentecost is often viewed as the birthday of the Christian Church.¹

In the Episcopal Church, Pentecost is also one of the most important days in the church year, called Principal Feasts (others are Easter, Christmas, Ascension, Trinity Sunday, All Saints', and Epiphany). This day will also be especially significant in our parish life with the visit of Bishop Skirving. Given the number of worshipping communities in the Diocese of East Carolina, Bishop Skirving is present with each one on a Sunday about once every two years, so it is very special that our visit falls on Pentecost Sunday! Also on this day, we look forward to celebrating many in our church family who have decided to make a mature confession of their Christian faith and be confirmed, received, or reaffirm their Baptismal vows that morning! Please note the following special details for **Sunday, May 20, 2018:**

8am - Bishop Skirving will preach and celebrate the Eucharist

9:15am - Continental Breakfast and a Question & Answer time with Bishop Skirving in Moseley Hall

10:30am - Bishop Skirving will confirm, preach, and celebrate the Eucharist

A reception in Moseley Hall will follow the 10:30am liturgy

This will be an absolutely joyful day in the life of St. Mary's Church! Invite a friend to join you and feel free to wear the traditional **RED** on this Pentecost Sunday!

¹ From Mark Roberts at www.patheos.com

See page 4 for details on Mass on the Grass too!

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

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

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

Founded in 1883.

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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Minister of Music Mrs. Sharon Veitch

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Director of Children's Ministries

Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough

Sr. Warden Mr. Jon Sargeant

Jr. Warden Mr. Walter R. Poole

News at St. Mary's



Work Day at Church

St. Mary's Church recently purchased a new property lot next to our existing West Lawn. Before the summer arrives, we want to be sure that the desired trees & plants are kept and excess overgrowth is taken out. All able bodies are asked to share in this project on

Saturday, May 12 between 10:00am and 1:00pm for a Parish Yard Work Day. Lunch will be served, joyful fellowship will be shared, the church property will be greatly improved, and God will be glorified!



From the Parish Register

Baptism of **Audrey Kinlaw Means** on April 8, 2018

Wedding of **Wes & Tori Hazelgrove** on April 14, 2018

Committal of **Della Edwards Kirkland** in the St. Francis Garden on April 21, 2018

Transfer out of **Arnette (Hurd) Sepulveda** to Church of the Good Shepherd (Maitland, FL)

Pastoral Announcements

Nancy and Madeline Gilmore have moved back to Kinston! Welcome home!! Their new address is: 1304 Stockton Rd; Kinston, NC 28504

Bill and Alice Vandivere have moved in with their daughter, Karen, and her husband. They would love to hear from their church family.

Cards or letters may be mailed to:

43152 Valiant Dr.; South Riding, VA 20152

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Attention graduates!

If you are graduating from high school or an institution of higher learning this spring, please contact Lori Kelly at lkelly@stmaryskinston.com by May 15 to let us know. Please give us your school's name, the degree you'll receive, and any plans following graduation.

We will celebrate our High School graduates at the Mass on the Grass on May 27 (10:30 a.m.). God bless you in your studies!!

From the Rector



I love pictures. They really are worth 1,000 words. Ask any serious photographer about her 'process' and you'll be told of all the careful intentions that go into capturing that *perfect* image. I am not a serious photographer, but I took a photography class once. In completing the assignments, I produced many polished images that gave me joy. But after finishing the course, what has stayed with me just as much as those images is an appreciation for the process of working towards something worthwhile. As a final image is pursued, different angles and lighting are explored, the object may change or adapt, creativity is celebrated, and surprises come about. Surely you've also found a surprising amount of joy in the 'out-takes' of a photo shoot or movie!!

In our lives together as a church family, similar lessons can be appreciated. As a project is pursued, things are noticed in new ways, relationships develop as lessons are learned, the final outcome clears into focus and perhaps even into something not first imagined. Most importantly,

God is working through processes like these to teach us more about what it means to know, trust, and serve Him, all while guiding us as a beloved community towards places of health and strength to proclaim His life-saving love in Christ Jesus.

There are many wonderful 'projects' and new beginnings sprouting up all around St. Mary's these days: revitalized parish ministries, developing frameworks for prayerful long-term planning, a new property... it is exciting! These are some of the parts of this new season of ministry that you and I get to share in together here at St. Mary's. New beginnings are to be celebrated and I'm glad to announce that Bishop Skirving will be back to lead us in a special "Celebration of New Ministry" on **Friday evening, September 7**. Mark your calendars! In this celebration, we will be able to thank God for this new beginning that we have together and look forward to the blessings that will unfold as we look to follow His lead in every opportunity that is opening up to this church family.

Fr. Tom+



Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine! - Ephesians 3:20

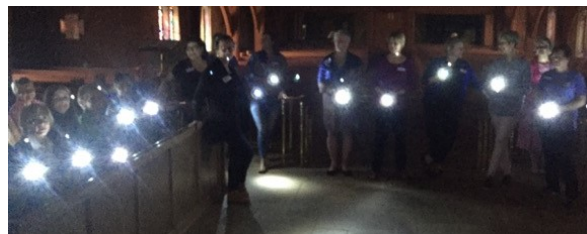
Episcopal Church Women



The St. Mary's ECW met on Sunday, April 22 for a time of tea, fellowship, and scripture. Women of all ages and stages of life joined to build and strengthen relationships. 40 were in attendance for what proved to be a wonderful afternoon for all!

The focus for our gathering was recognizing our spiritual gifts and sharing those gifts as we serve in unity and show Christ's love to one another and our community. Handmade cards were created for every student at St. Mary's Nursery School as part of our mission to reach out to the school families and invite them to join us for Sunday worship. Much care and attention was put into these cards. A personal note was written to each student.

More information will be forthcoming in an email sent to the women of the church listing the many ways you can connect and be engaged in ECW. There is something for everyone! When our lights shine together, great things can happen.



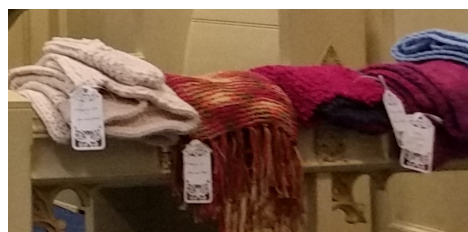
Worship

Mass on the Grass!

On **Sunday, May 27th**, we will hold a Celtic "Mass on the Grass" worship service outside on the West Lawn. 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 beautiful service.

Our own Jess Edwards (guitar) and Chloe Albritton (violin) will be joined by traveling Kinstonian pianist Clay Whittington to lead us in music that morning!

Please dress casually and relaxed. Bring a neighbor or friend. There is room for everyone! Following the service we'll have a parish picnic. Food off the grill, drinks, and paper products will be provided. We ask you to please bring a [LARGE] dish to share! In the event of rain, worship will be in the church.



SO MANY BLESSINGS!

We look forward to asking God's blessings on the prayer shawls that have been made by our knitting group before they are given to others as a reminder of God's love and embrace. **This will take place at**

the 10:30am liturgy on Sunday, May 13. This morning, we will also recognize and give thanks to God for the gifts of our many teachers and leaders in our many Christian Formation classes this program year. If you have led even one session of a Christian Formation class, we are grateful for you and hope you'll be present at St. Mary's on May 13.



ROGATION SERVICE: Sunday, May 6 @ 3pm

ASKING GOD FOR PROTECTION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Rogation days are special occasions to honor God for all creation and to pray for the land, the gifts of labor, and for the needs of all. Our sisters and brothers in faith at Holy Innocents Episcopal Church invite us to join them and the people of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church for this liturgy. You're welcome to bring your seeds or garden tools to be blessed at this service that joins our Episcopal communities together. A reception will follow the service.

6861 Hwy. 55 West, Seven Springs, NC.

HAVE YOU BEEN PRAYING FOR NICE WEATHER?!

**The Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival is scheduled
for Sunday, January 6, 2019**

(only 251 days away!)

Please join us in prayer that next year's weather will be favorable for the return of the Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival and Renaissance Banquet!



Christian Formation & Other News

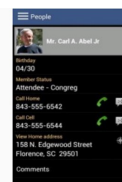
Ministry Scheduler Pro & Other Digital Ministry Resources at St. Mary's



St. Mary's is now using Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP) to schedule ministry servers. Server schedules will continue to be posted on the website, in the narthex & acolyte room, and included in the weekly Wednesday emails. Soon, all servers should also expect to receive a notification about MSP and its benefits which include calendars that highlight only your serving dates, an easy way of finding replacements, and individualized preferences for reminders.

Come to the **Wednesday Parish Family Nights on May 2 or 9** for an excellent meal, wonderful fellowship, and a special program about the digital ministry resources that St. Mary's

offers. Gerry Fox will lead information sessions about the new Ministry Scheduler Pro software. These will also be great times to learn more about our online directory, mobile app (Church Life), and access to RightNow Media. You can even get one-on-one assistance in setting up your account.



EATING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY

St. Mary's has been selected to be among the very first churches for a new Bible study exploring what it means to eat daily bread as disciples of Jesus, focusing on the ways He invites us to share Eucharist ("Thanksgiving") at His table at church & at our homes.

The study will take place on 8 Wednesday evenings this summer, during which participants will share a meal together of "Food that LAUGHS" which stands for *Local, Affordable, Uncomplicated, Good, Healthy, and Seasonal*. Space is available for 12 participants. Please visit www.LifeAroundTheTable.org for more information, and contact Holly Warren (holly3799@hotmail.com) with questions or to sign up!

Important Information for those Planning to be Confirmed!

- On Sunday, May 6, Fr. Tom will be meeting with the high schoolers during the Christian Formation Hour and the adults at 1:30pm to have a review and conversation about Confirmation Sunday!
- Saturday, May 19 at 5:00pm in the Nave, there will be a rehearsal for all being confirmed, received, or reaffirming their Baptismal vows.

DAVE RAMSEY'S
FINANCIAL Peace
UNIVERSITY

**Sundays from 5-6:30pm in the Parlor
Beginning June 3**

Appropriate for singles, couples, and families in any stage of life, this class teaches basic elements of financial stewardship. **Susanne Ballard** (susanneballard@gmail.com) will be the facilitator for this series. Stay tuned for information on how to register.

*****Sunday, May 13th is the Last Day of Sunday School! At the 10:30am liturgy, we'll recognize & thank all teachers!*****

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Wednesday, May 2

3:00pm Homework Hangout
5:30pm EYC in the Youth Room!
6:15pm Parish Family Night & Special Presentation

Sunday, May 6

9:15am THE STORY for Middle School in the Parlor and SEALED & SENT FORTH for High School in the Youth Room

Wednesday, May 9

3:00pm Homework Hangout
EYC Hosts the Wednesday Night Supper!

6:15pm Parish Family Night

Saturday, May 12; 10am-1pm

Church Yard Clearing Party with lunch! (See pg. 2)

Sunday, May 13

Same schedule as May 6

Wednesday, May 16

Same schedule as May 2

Sunday, May 20

Pentecost Sunday and Confirmation with Bp Skirving!
9:15am Breakfast is served along with a Q&A with Bishop Skirving in Moseley Hall

Wednesday, May 23

3:00pm Last Homework Hangout
4:45pm Glory Ridge Meeting
5:30pm Last EYC b4 Summer!
6:15pm Last Parish Family Night

Sunday, May 27-Mass on the Grass!

with pot-luck afterwards!

Please come and bring a friend!!!!



An Amazingly Awesome Assembly of the A-Level
2018 St. Mary's Mission Team to Glory Ridge
has been set for

Wednesday, May 23 at 4:45pm

in the Youth Room.

This gathering is for

ALL YOUTH AND CHAPERONES

heading to the beautiful mountains this July 22-28!

We will

MAKE WORK (and this meeting) WORSHIP!!

Erasing the Lines ~ June 18-22 ; \$225

Registration will be done as a group this year, so please be in touch with Fr. Tom by May 13 if you'd like to go!

Next Year Will Be Here Before You Know It!...
Save the Dates for:

yOUTHREACH 2018

Saturday, September 22 - Location TBA

HAPPENING #72

9-12th Graders

October 19-21, 2018 @ Trinity Center

Team & Candidate Forms can already be found
[at the Diocesan Website!](#)

FALL CONFERENCE for Middle Schoolers

November 16-18, 2018 @ Trinity Center



Other news



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be here soon!

Gordon Street Christian Church

is the host church for this VBS that is also sponsored by St.

Mary's and First Presbyterian Church.

The dates will be Monday June 18-Thursday, June 21

9am until Noon

Registration is now live at

www.vbspro.events/p/kinstonvbs2018

For more information, call 252-523-4143, or

Contact Shelly Yarbrough at syarbrough@lenoir.k12.nc.us



Kairos Prayer Chain

The next Kairos Prison Ministry event will be May 17-20 at Maury Prison. Kairos is similar to Cursillo & Happening in that Christians share Christ's love and grace with others simply because Christ first loved us. Please commit to praying that hearts will be turned toward God over this weekend and sign your first name on the prayer chain forms that are on the Narthex tables. If you would like to be present for the closing celebration of this weekend at the prison, please contact Fr. Tom by May 4.

**THANK
YOU!**
FOR SUPPORTING
MARY'S KITCHEN!

St. Mary's serving at Mary's Kitchen

On April 21, members and friends of St. Mary's Church served at Mary's Kitchen. Members pictured below include **Dori Ballard, Jo Parrott, Sydney Herlong, Renee Herlong, Dick**

Archie, and Anna Haddad (Terah Archie was probably taking the picture!). The men of the Wednesday morning Men's Prayer Breakfast will be serving on July 21 and the Episcopal Church Women will be serving on October 20!



"Lemonade on the Lawn" begins in June!

One of the joys of our summertime gatherings is sharing light refreshments after church. Lemonade on the Lawn provides a relaxed, refreshing, and delicious time to catch



up with each other after our later liturgy and share life together before the rest of the week begins. The first Lemonade on the Lawn will be Sunday, June 3.

Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments. Hosts are asked to provide lemonade and something light to eat. A host sign-up sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Paper products will be provided in the "Lemonade on the Lawn" bin in the Bookstore.

Barbara Glen will be coordinating this ministry. Should you have any questions, email her at iugirl1@yahoo.com.

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SAVE THE DATE

Mark these special events in the life
of our church in your calendars today!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -

June 18-21

ERASING THE LINES - June 18-22

MISSION TRIP TO THE DR -

July 7-14

MISSION TRIP TO GLORY RIDGE -

July 22-28

BLOCK PARTY - August 1

**ST. MARY'S CELEBRATION OF
NEW MINISTRY -**

Friday, September 7

GOD BLESS YOUR GIVING!

Your year-round giving is important to the mission and ministry of St. Mary's Church and allows for the events included in this newsletter as well as things like air conditioned worship spaces, staff payment, and so much more. Giving statements for the 1st quarter have been mailed recently. Please contact the church office if you notice any corrections that need to be made. Thank you!

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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

9:15 a.m. – Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2018	2019	2020
P.C. Barwick, Jr.	Juliet S. Barrus	Jess Edwards
Clifton W. Carey	Walter R. Poole, Jr.	Gerry Fox
Becky C. Darst	Jim Purnell	Whitney Grady
Milton D. "Dee" Warner, Jr.	Jonathan L. Sargeant	Jo Parrott
	Senior Warden – Jon Sargeant	
	Junior Warden – Walter R. Poole	
	Clerk – Becky C. Darst	
	Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley	