



June/July 2022

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:
Serving with JOY!*

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

The Lord your God is in your midst

Summer Ministries with St. Mary's

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From the Rector

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." ~ John 14:27

Dear People and Friends of St. Mary's,

The Gospel lesson that we read together on Sunday, May 22, spoke of the peace that Jesus gives to His followers. He spoke of this gift to His disciples during a categorically un-peace-filled time. It was during their last hours together before His arrest and death, and these words about peace were intended to carry them, not only through those times, but also for the rest of their lives and ministries that would be marked in part by hard work, conflict, and persecution.

During our own time together in worship on May 22, we already knew that the times in which we live today are fraught with a lack of peace in many ways. The headlines pointed our attentions towards war in Ukraine and beyond, financial instability, questions about the future of our own civic institutions, callous debates about abortion that question what constitutes a life that matters as well as what it means to care for our neighbor, not to mention the very real struggles and heartache that we and our literal neighbors hold. Then, two days later came another horrific school shooting that has devastated a small community in Texas and sent shockwaves throughout every community and individual heart that is open to feel the pain of others.

Did we hear Jesus wrong? Was He mistaken about this whole "peace" promise? No. Jesus spoke of the peace of God that is every bit as real as the tumultuous events that we experience and witness today... every bit as real as what the disciples and every generation since have experienced. The peace of God is every bit as real as the hardships that He Himself would experience on the cross too. Under the surface of the most difficult, tragic, or evil realities is an abiding and constant presence that tells us again and again that no one is ever completely alone, that love is more powerful than any other force in this world, that death never has the last word when Jesus is invited into the conversation. The peace that Jesus promises is the fruit that sustains the faithful through these, and any other, tragedies and conflicts. As unlikely as it may seem to be on Good Friday, God keeps God's promises, and Easter is assured. Life is assured. That is the Christian hope.

As you step into the summer months ahead, I pray that you will remember Jesus' promise of peace. Seek to engage fully into the opportunities for good that each day holds through prayer, service, and building relationships with others. The pages of this BellRinger invite you into many such opportunities and I look forward to seeing you in these times. In times of celebration, as in times of grief or trial, may we remember the deepest truth of God's promises, and embrace the peace that they offer.

Yours in Christ,

 Tom +

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." ~Philippians 4:4-9

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Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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Organist & Choirmaster	Mrs. Sharon Veitch
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

News at St. Mary's



From the Parish Register

Marriages:

Cally Hudson & Rankin Weller

May 21, 2022



There will be a Glory Ridge Adult Leader meeting on **Sunday, June 5th at 9:15am** in the Warren backyard. A light breakfast will be provided.

St. Mary's Blood Drive



St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Monday, June 27th, Noon-4pm** in **Moseley Hall**. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred. Make your reservation at www.redcrossblood.org and type in STMARYS or phone **1-800-RED-CROSS**. Give something that means something....give the gift of life with Red Cross.



Lemonade on the Lawn

We are excited to share this relaxing, refreshing time together on the breezeway **each Sunday morning immediately following the 10:30am liturgy**. A table (in the closet near the chapel) and paper products/ice (in the kitchen) will be provided. Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments - lemonade and something light to eat such as donuts, cookies, or muffins. On your serving date, set up the table and lemonade/snacks by the end of the 10:30am service. Sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board in the Narthex or sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eacad23a6fec07-lemonade>. Contact Sherry Tanner at stanner@stmaryskinston.com with any questions.



The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, July 4th, 2022** in observance of Independence Day. The staff of St. Mary's join you in celebrating the birth of our nation as well as in prayer for its future. We wish you a safe holiday!

News at St. Mary's

Page Family Living Estate Sale

Without its devoted family of parishioners, St. Mary's could not thrive and would not have the personal and material resources to help meet the needs of those within the church family and beyond the walls that have no boundaries. Linda and Billy Page know this and have enriched St. Mary's through their service on numerous committees over many decades.

Linda and Billy will be moving into their new home within a few months' time and have made the loving and generous decision to give many of their very personal and beloved possessions to the Church. These items will be offered for sale to parishioners and their friends, along with a few other church families, with all of the proceeds donated to St. Mary's. This gift from Linda and Billy is one more beautiful way for them to show their love for St. Mary's.

We hope you will visit this very special event on **Wednesday, June 15th between 2-7 p.m. in Moseley Hall** and help them fulfill their intention. Be sure to bring bags, boxes, and wrapping tissue/newspaper for transporting home your treasured items.



IT'S TIME FOR VBS!!!

St. Mary's is excited to join with First Presbyterian Church for our annual VBS. This year's VBS, "Food Truck Party....On a Roll with God!" will be hosted at St. Mary's Church **June 6-9 from 4-7pm**. Shirt orders have already been placed, but registration is still open for those wishing to participate (without the VBS shirt). Use this registration link: <https://form.jotform.com/220764450005042>. Email Liz at lhengst@stmaryskinston.com to volunteer or for more information.

Enjoy a night filled with baseball, food and fellowship with St. Mary's on **Thursday, July 14th at a Down East Wood Ducks Game!** Gates open

at 6pm/game starts at 7pm. The cost is \$23 for adults, children ages 5-12 \$20, and children under 5 are free. This includes a meal and drink from the ballpark menu (vegetarian meal available - please note in the memo section of registration). Please pay what you can, but don't let finances keep you or your family from being a part of this wonderful event with the church family! Online registration is open now at <https://onrealm.org/stmaryskinston/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MWQ4NzVhYWItZDgxOS00YzY5LTgxNDItYWU4YTAwZDdhYTg5>, or you may call Lori at the church office (252-523-6146).



We are excited to announce the return of the Annual St. Mary's Block Party, planned for **Wednesday, August 3rd!** Join us as WE host an evening of fellowship with the members and neighbors of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Plan to bring a dish/side/dessert to share AND meet members of the neighborhood to offer them hospitality. St. Mary's members are invited to help deliver invitations to every home within a two-block radius beginning Sunday, July 10th.

Worship

Pentecost is a Principle Feast Day of the church calendar, celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter. This year, **Pentecost is June 5th**, and we are glad to have special music from City Lights Jazz. While there is an ancient Jewish holiday of the same name, for Christians, Pentecost commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem observing the Jewish custom. Because the Holy Spirit has inspired the spread of the Good News of Jesus to the world, Pentecost is often understood to be the birthday of the Church. Happy Birthday!!! On this day, the clergy wear **RED** vestments, and the altar will be adorned with red hangings. It is even customary for the people of the congregation to wear **RED** as well.



LORD, SEND OUT
YOUR SPIRIT,
AND RENEW THE
FACE OF THE EARTH.



From the early days of the faith, Pentecost became one of the days set aside to celebrate baptisms. In the waters of baptism, we are adopted by God as His children and made members of Christ's Body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of God. In the Episcopal Church, Pentecost remains one of the days that is "especially appropriate" for baptism, recognizing, of course, that any time the faithful can gather for this occasion is reason to celebrate. We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for Henry McNairy, son of Allie and Jack McNairy (and brother of JJ) on Pentecost Sunday during the 10:30am liturgy. We will renew our Baptismal vows at both in-person and online services that day as well. Please keep Henry, his baptismal sponsors, and his family in your prayers as we welcome the newest member of the household of God!



Service at St. Barnabas Church

All are invited to St. Barnabas Church in Snow Hill on **Saturday, June 11 at 10am**. Deacon Greg Smith will preach and Father Tom will celebrate The Holy Eucharist from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. This will be the first liturgy there since the pandemic, and we look forward to the return of this tradition among our St. Mary's parish. Be sure to join us for this special day!



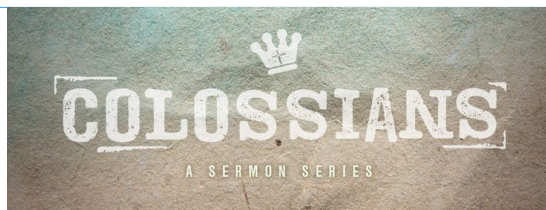
Monthly Outdoor Worship & Hootenannies

St. Mary's will offer summer evening outdoor worship services on the last **Sundays of June (26th), July (31st), & August (28th) at 7pm** on the West Lawn. Dress comfortably, bring a blanket or chair, **BRING A FRIEND**, and let's have a great time watching the summer fire flies dance as we worship our Lord and Creator!

July Sermon Series

Join us each Sunday throughout the month of July as we enjoy a Sermon Series on Colossians!

"Set your mind on the things above..." ~ Colossians 3:2



Christian Formation

Sunday School SCHEDULE

Summer Sunday School

Beginning **Sunday, June 12th**, join Fr. Tom most Sundays throughout the summer months from 9:30-10:15am for an adult Sunday

School time together. The first session on June 12 will be a study of the Scriptures for that Sunday as well as a discussion time about what topics participants would like to discuss throughout the summer. This will be a wonderful opportunity for care, encouragement, and interaction while you nurture your spiritual formation and growth.

*Childcare will be provided upon request.
Please notify Fr. Tom asap if childcare is needed.*

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE



There will be an Adult Christian Formation Meeting in Moseley Hall on **Sunday, June 19th** following the 10:30am liturgy. Lunch will be provided.

Please pray for the following events and participants:

- † The Diocesan Convention on **June 3-4 in Wilmington, NC** and our St. Mary's delegates: *Jo Parrott, Terah Archie, Richard Crumbacker, and Barbara Crumbacker (alternate delegate)*
- † Glory Ridge Mission Trip on **July 24-30 in Marshall, NC**: email Liz Hengst @ lhengst@stmaryskinston.com to provide encouraging messages and daily prayers for a St. Mary's member while they are at Glory Ridge

ECW



ECW WANTS TO HAVE FUN
BUT WE CAN'T PLAY IF YOU DON'T COME!

bunco night

COME ON LADIES ~ THE TIME IS HERE,
GRAB A FRIEND, AND GET IN GEAR!

Sunday, June 26th at 3:00 pm
Moseley Hall

Keep checking your email for more details! Prizes will be needed, so please contact Audra at 252-526-8537 if you have some fun prizes you would like to donate.

Children, Youth, & Families @ St. Mary's



June

EYC Coffee with Liz

Wednesday, June 1st, 15th, 29th
4:00-5:30 pm
All EYC
(at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse)

Serving at Mary's Kitchen

Friday, June 3rd, 10th, 17th
8:30 - 11:30 am
All EYC

Help cook and serve meals to our guests.
Counts towards SERV/service hours!

Kids Only Night Out at the Ball Park

Saturday, June 4th @ 4:45 7:15 pm
Drop off your pre-K to 5th grader
at the DEWD Main Gate at 4:45 pm.
Pick up your child in the same spot at 7:15 pm.
Parents, go have a night of **FUN!**
Registration required.

Cost is \$10 (includes meal at the Ballpark)

Glory Ridge Adult Leader Meeting

Sunday, June 5th @ 9:15 am
Light breakfast will be provided.
(in the Warren Family Backyard)

Family Ministry Leader Meeting

Sunday, June 5th @ 11:45 am - 1 pm
Join us to discuss next year!
Lunch will be provided.
(in the parlor)

VBS

June 6th-9th @ 4-7 pm
(hosted at St. Mary's Church)

Movies that Matter Family Event

Thursday, June 16th @ 6:30 pm
"Just Mercy" film

ALL are invited to this intergenerational event.
Bring a dish to share for our potluck dinner.

July

Serving at Mary's Kitchen

Friday, July 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd @ 8:30 - 11:30 am
All EYC

Help cook and serve meals to our guests.
Counts towards SERV/service hours!

EYC Coffee with Liz

Wednesday, July 13th @ 4:00-5:30 pm
All EYC
(at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse)

EYC Summer Best Week EVER **July 11th-17th**

- Monday, July 11th @ 3-5 pm - Bowling Day
- Tuesday, July 12th - Movie at the Theater
- Wednesday, July 13th
 - 1) Coffee with Liz @ 4-5:30 pm
 - FOLLOWED BY
 - 2) Intergenerational Movies that Matter @ 6:30-8:30 pm
- Thursday, July 14th - Fun in the Great Outdoors
- Friday, July 15th - Serving at Mary's Kitchen @ 8:30 am followed by Youth Confirmation Class
- Saturday, July 16th - EYC Beach Day
- Sunday, July 17th - DEWD baseball @ 1-3 pm
- STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!

Youth Confirmation Class Summer Meeting

Friday, July 15th - Time TBA

Easter 2023 will be Bishop Skirving's next official visit. At that time, we will celebrate our next confirmation class. All 8th-12th grade students who have not yet been confirmed and are interested in exploring their desire to be confirmed are invited to join our class. Being part of the confirmation class will include attending weekly meetings, regular attendance in church, and two retreats (one full day and one overnight). Join us at our Youth Confirmation Class Summer Event. More specific meeting times and dates will begin in September.

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DownEast Wood Ducks



Wood Ducks Box Seats EYC Fundraiser

The EYC is raising money to benefit our service projects (including Glory Ridge) by asking for any donated amount in exchange for box seat tickets (6 seats) to DEWD games! Mark your donations "EYC" or "Wood Ducks tickets" & drop them off during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Be sure to sign-up for your preferred date(s) through this link www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eacad23a6fec07-wood.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SUMMER SCHEDULE

8:00 am (Online) - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Spiritual Communion)

posted to [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church

11:30 am - Lemonade on the Lawn (Breezeway)

Morning Prayer: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30am in Chapel

We recognize that the pandemic situation is evolving. Regarding face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase (usually referring to private confession) applies: All may, some should, none must. While all are welcome to wear a face covering at any time, we affirm the CDC recommendations regarding when it is advised that face coverings are to be worn indoors while other people are present. No one is required to wear a face covering at St. Mary's.

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2022	2023	2023
John John	Skip Greene	Clifton Carey
Scott Turik	Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards
Dee Warner	Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott
Harry Wooten	Pam Mazingo	Ginny Wade
Senior Warden – Vicki Kennedy	Clerk – Audra Haddad	
Junior Warden – Harry Wooten	Treasurer – Jon Sargeant	