



June/July 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

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Pentecost 2017

Mass on the Grass

June 4, 2017, 10:00 am

This year we celebrate the feast of Pentecost with a Mass on the Grass!

Mass on the Grass is an informal worship experience on the grass located on the west side of the church. We hope you will come in relaxed and comfortable clothing. Please be sure to bring chairs or a blanket to sit on.

On this Pentecost Sunday, we hope everyone will wear red, to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the Church.

We are delighted to have the Devin Frasier Music Services, a jazz and contemporary music ensemble, who will provide the music leadership for this worship service.

Following our time of worship, there will be a picnic. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, and paper products. You are asked to bring a **LARGE** dish to share. We will be having guests and we want to have enough food for everyone.

After the picnic there will be games for all ages... prizes too!

If you are willing to help with the picnic, please contact Sandy Shimer, Fellowship Committee Chair, sshimer@househasson.com. If you are willing to help with the games, please contact Shelly Yarbrough.

In the event of rain, the worship will be moved inside and we will all eat in Moseley Hall.

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

Founded in 1883.

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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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Parish Secretary

Mrs. Linda Johnson

Director of Children's Ministries

Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough

News at St. Mary's

Congratulations Graduates!

Arendell Parrott Academy

Jill Saracino - will attend Johnson & Wales (Providence, RI)

North Lenoir High School

Nathaniel Glen - will attend Lenoir Community College (Kinston, NC)

St. Margaret's Episcopal School (Tappahannock, VA)

Julia Grady - will attend Louisburg College (Louisburg, NC)

Episcopal High School (Alexandria, VA)

Dee Warner, III - will attend Rhodes College (Memphis, TN)

North Carolina State University

Justin Shimer - B.S. in Biological Science with concentration in Human Biology and minor in Economics.

Hadley Bryan - B.S. in Genetics, enrolling in University of Maryland's Ph.D. program in Epidemiology & Human Genetics

Grace Sugg - Masters of Education in Higher Education Administration

New Trial Sunday Schedule in the Fall

In consultation with the clergy, wardens, and vestry, St. Mary's is going to engage a new Sunday morning schedule as a trial beginning in the Fall. These changes are the result of many recommendations that have been fielded from a great variety of groups within our parish family. It is our hope that the result of this trial will be either a new rhythm of life together that is helpful as we nurture a stronger sense of community, or a confirmation that we should stick with our existing Sunday schedule. Beginning on **Sunday, September 10**, our Sunday schedule will be:

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, spoken

9:15 am - Christian Formation for all ages

10:30 am - Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, with choir

This trial will run through, to the end of, the season of Advent, at which time the church leadership will announce what will happen next.

From the Interim Rector

Dear Friends,

"Summertime and the livin' is easy." I hope those words from Gershwin's *Porgy and Bess* are true for you this year! During this program year, we've worked hard and accomplished much. I continue to give thanks for each one of you and the wonderful energy that continues to build here at St. Mary's. So, I think we all might be ready for a little easy, summer livin'.

The gospels tell us that Jesus occasionally takes a break from the rigors of ministry and goes out to a quiet place to rest and pray. He understands the necessity of re-charging his spiritual batteries for the tough work of ushering in God's kingdom on earth. And, with our extremely busy and hectic lives, we should look to Jesus' example and take some time this summer to re-charge our own spiritual batteries. My prayer, then, for all of you this summer is that God might gift you with some restful, restorative time of summer fun.

However, as we go our various ways for those summer times of rest and re-creation, I also would ask you to be intentional about your giving to the church. St. Mary's remains open year-round, incurring our usual operating expenses. Especially as we go forward towards the call of a new rector, our financial support of the church is extremely important.

May God continue to bless you richly and keep you in Christ's perfect peace,

Judith⁺



Welcome Our New Parish Administrator!

We welcome Lori Kelly to St. Mary's as our new Parish Administrator! Lori comes to us from a healthcare background and has a wealth of accounting, customer service, scheduling and office management experience.

She grew up in the Moss Hill area and married Chris Kelly, her high school sweetheart. The Kellys have two grown children: a daughter, Jessica Blizzard who is married to Kinston Police Officer Aaron Blizzard; and, a son, Will Kelly, who will be starting studies at ECU in the fall.

The Kellys enjoy going to the beach and shopping and relaxing with their beagle, Bogey. They attend The First Church in Goldsboro.

Lori is excited about starting her new journey at St. Mary's and we are excited to have her here! We are deeply grateful to the Personnel Committee for all their hard work in hiring Lori!

SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Mary's 6th Annual Neighborhood Block Party
is scheduled for Wednesday, August 9th, 6-8pm.**

Let's host another joyful celebration!

**On Sunday, July 9th, following Lemonade on the Lawn,
please join us in delivering invitations to our neighbors.**



Worship & Other News

Worship at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church



A service from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer will be held on the Feast of St. Barnabas, Saturday, June 10th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Church in Snow Hill.

Fr. Tom will celebrate the Eucharist and Mo. Judith will preach.

St. Barnabas was designated an historic site in 1979. The setting of St. Barnabas' cornerstone was in 1884. The Rt. Rev. Alfred Augustine Watson, First Bishop of the Diocese, consecrated the building in 1893.

Following the service, there will be a covered dish potluck lunch at the home of Frank and Sandra Warren, 106 West Greene Street, 252-747-3529.

From the Parish Register

Congratulations to Michael and Rachel Whitfield who were married on May 20, 2017 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Congratulations to Tripper and Andrea Parham who were married on May 21, 2017 at St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Journey In Faith Classes

Bishop Skirving recently released his parish visitation schedule for 2018 and we are joyful that he will be with us to celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, **May 20, 2018.**

As we look ahead to Bishop Skirving's Episcopal visit, at which time he will **confirm** those Christians who are ready to make a mature confession of faith or **receive** confirmed members of other Christian traditions into the Episcopal Church, we are excited to announce that our next *Journey In Faith* and *Youth Journey in Faith* sessions will begin in September.

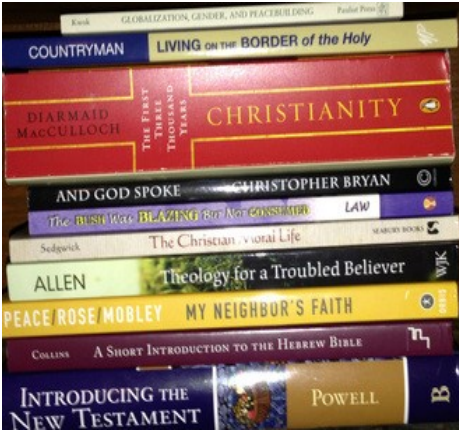
Journey In Faith is a series of interactive sessions for adults with St. Mary's clergy & catechists through which members will explore the fundamentals of Christianity, Anglicanism, and the Episcopal Church.

Everyone is welcome to participate in *Journey in Faith* even if they have already been confirmed/received or are not sure if they desire to be. *Journey in Faith* is also an ideal program for anyone curious about baptism or joining St. Mary's Church.

Please consider joining a *Journey in Faith* group this Fall at St. Mary's.

Christian Formation

Education for Ministry - What You Can Expect



Education for Ministry is a four-year program of intense Biblical and theological study. The class will be held on a week-night (to be determined) beginning in September.

Year 1 focuses on The Hebrew Bible. Texts include : A Short Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, 2nd Ed. by John J. Collins. The Holy Bible, Old Testament and Apocrypha

Year 2 focuses on The New Testament. Texts include: Introducing the New Testament by Mark Allan Powell. The Holy Bible, New Testament.

Year 3 focuses on Christian History. Texts include: : Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years by Diarmaid MacCulloch.

Year 4 focuses on Theology. Texts include: Theology: A Very Short Introduction by David F. Ford (Oxford University Press, 2013.) Mysteries of Faith by Mark McIntosh (A Cowley Publication Book, 2000.) The Christian Moral Life, by Timothy F. Sedgwick (Seabury Books, 2008.) My Neighbor's Faith, editors Jennifer Howe Peace, Or N. Rose, Gregory Mobley (Orbis Books, 2012.)

An EfM Reading and Reflection Guide provides weekly reading assignments, reflection questions, and additional supportive resources for the group.

There are 2 Interludes throughout the year. All seminar participants read and study the Interlude material together. The texts to be read during the Interludes are:

Care for Creation : A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth by Ilia Delio O.S.F., Keith Douglass Warner O.F.M., Pamela Wood

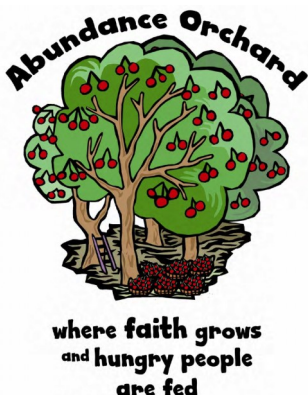
Transformed Lives – Making Sense of Atonement Today by Cynthia Crysdale

Each "year" is a nine-month cycle of study. Students enroll for one cycle at a time.

Cost of Education for Ministry is \$375.00 per year. Scholarship monies are available.

If you would like to participate in Education for Ministry beginning in September, please contact Mother Judith.

Vacation Bible School 2017 will be hosted at First Presbyterian Church June 19-22. Registration forms for children participants and teen/adult volunteers are both found by visiting <https://vbspro.events/p/events/kinstonvbs>. Thank you so much for helping in any way. It's going to be such a joyful week!



- Sunday, June 11 - Supply collection due to partner churches
- Tuesday, June 13, 9am-Noon - VBS Prep Day (drop in to help with supplies, organizing materials, etc.)
- Thursday, June 15 at 6pm - VBS Training Meeting for volunteers; church open from 2pm for volunteers to help decorate/setup

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Summer is here and EYC will not be meeting every Wednesday & Sunday as we have. But that doesn't mean that EYC is over! Take note of the other announcements on this page and mark these dates for June & July at EYC... and let Fr. Tom know if you'd like to do anything else - if we can, we will!!

Mon-Fri, Jun 19-23 Erasing the Lines

Friday, June 15; 6pm VBS Volunteer Training @ First Presbyterian Church

Mon-Thu, Jun 19-22, 9am-noon Vacation Bible School Jr. & Sr. EYC needed as volunteers!!

Sunday, July 23, 2-3:30pm Glory Ridge Team Meeting and Skills Workshop

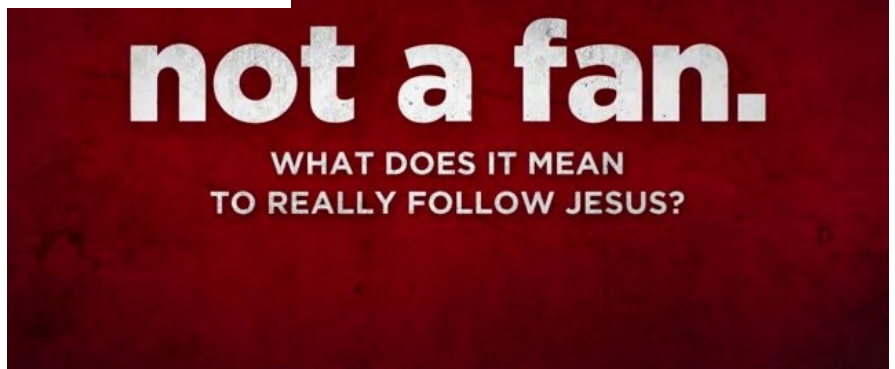
Saturday, July 29 Glory Ridge Team Packing

July 30 – August 5 Glory Ridge Mission Trip!!!

Please come and bring a friend!!!!



The EYC girls will meet in the Youth Room on all Wednesdays in June & July from 3 -4pm!



EYC Guys, if Jesus were to sit down with you right now and have a DTR (Define the Relationship) conversation, how would you respond? Are you truly his follower or just a fan--or perhaps someone who doesn't even care about the difference? Not a Fan for Teens invites you to make Jesus not merely the object of your admiration, but the very center of your life.

Our EYC Guys study will meet most Wednesday mornings in June & July at 10am in a location to be determined. We will begin on June 14.

Other News

Hand in Hand Book Distribution at Northwest Elementary



Pictured here is Sarah Warner handing out books to students at Northwest Elementary School as part of St. Mary's Hand-in-Hand partnership. On Wednesday, May 17th, members of St. Mary's handed out hundreds of new books to children in Kindergarten through the Fourth Grade. Each book had a note stating that it was a gift from St. Mary's Church. The purpose of the book distribution is to encourage reading over the summer. Thank you so much to Laury Sargeant and Becky Darst who coordinate this wonderful ministry, and to all those whose service make our partnership with NWES a reality!

Our [current and prospective] Eagle Scouts!

We offer our congratulations to Nathaniel Glen, the most recent member of St. Mary's to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Nathaniel is pictured at his Court of Honor ceremony held at St. Mary's on May 7.



We also invite you to attend a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to support Brandon Zoltek's Eagle Scout project. Come to Moseley Hall anytime between 6 and 8pm on Tuesday, June 6. Brandon will be developing a walking track at the new SPCA site. Well done, gentlemen!!

St. Mary's hosts AOC on July 12

The monthly convening of the Associations of Congregations will gather at Moseley Hall on Wednesday, July 12. Any lay or clergy member of Lenoir County congregations are welcome to discuss and hear updates about various ministries that we have in common as we all represent the Body of Christ to our communities. The ECW will be providing the lunch. Please see Anne Lindley, anneblindley@gmail.com, if you can help with showing hospitality that day.

Blood Drive on June 29 from 2pm until 6pm in Moseley Hall

Walk ins are always welcome, but appointments will be honored first. Make your reservations online at www.redcrossblood.org. Thank you!

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“Lemonade on the Lawn” begins in June

Light summer refreshments and fellowship will be offered on Sundays following the 10am liturgy this summer. “Lemonade on the Lawn” begins June 11!

Individuals or families can go together to host the refreshments. You are asked to provide lemonade and something to eat. A sign-up sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Paper products will be provided.

Please contact the church office at 252-523-6146 with any questions.

Summertime and your offering

As summer approaches and people begin to travel, remember your church offering. Just like your home, we have bills to pay: ministry, programs, salaries, utilities, etc. God loves a cheerful giver and our Treasurer loves regular givers! Have a safe summer!!

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2017	2018	2019
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John “Sandy” Shimer, Jr.	Milton D. “Dee” Warner, Jr.	Jonathan L. Sargeant

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