



August 2018

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

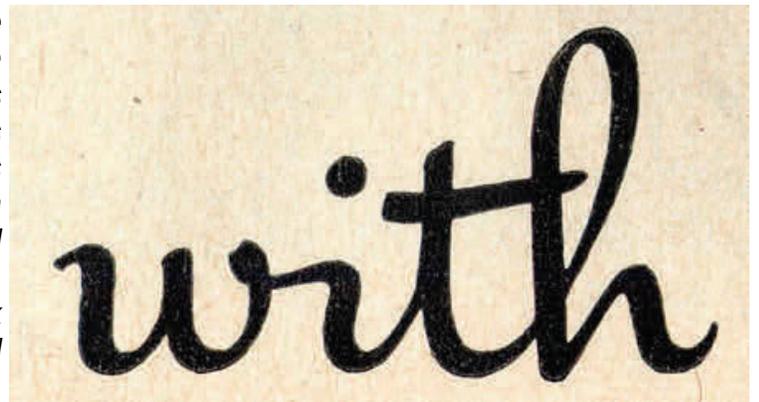
# The Bell Ringer

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## The Most Important Word in the Bible?

I once heard a sermon that made the bold claim of having identified the most important word in the Bible. There are, of course, dozens of words that would be in the conversation. My short list (not counting proper nouns like Jesus!) would have to include *grace, love, hope, faith, joy, peace*. I wonder what other words come to your mind. Here's the word that the sermon called out:

*We've stumbled upon the most important word in the Bible – the word that describes the heart of God and the nature of God's purpose and destiny for us. And that word is "with." That's what God was in the very beginning, that's what God sought to instill in the creation of all things, that's what God was looking for in making the covenant with Israel, that's what God coming among us in Jesus was all about, that's what the sending of the Holy Spirit meant, that's what our destiny in the company of God will look like. It's all in that little word "with." God's whole life and action and purpose are shaped to be "with" us.<sup>1</sup>*



And in our time, being "with" is what we are called to as followers of Jesus and His body everywhere we go: with God, with each other, with our neighbors. As you read through this month's BellRinger, just look at all the ways the Holy Spirit has moved leaders of this church to offer ways to grow your relationship *with* God through worship & study, *with* those who already have found St. Mary's to be a spiritual home through fellowship, *with* those in our geographical parish (surrounding neighborhoods) and beyond through outreach. My prayer for you is that you will trust the Gospel "Good News" that God is indeed with you now and that you will accept an invitation to be *with* St. Mary's branch of the Jesus Movement here in Kinston and beyond.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

<sup>1</sup>"The Most Important Word" preached in Duke University Chapel on December 24, 2010 by the Revd Dr Sam Wells.

7th ANNUAL

**BLOCK PARTY**

Wednesday, August 1

6-8pm

ON Rountree St. and the church yard!

What? - An evening of fellowship with the members and neighbors of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. There will be pigs to pick with plenty of sides & desserts, live music, and a bounce house & games for kids of all ages!

Who? **The guests** are the residents of homes that surround the church. **The hosts** are the members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Things that are needed:

Canopies for shade, food to share, and volunteers to set up, serve food, play games with kids, and clean up.

## 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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[www.episcopalchurch.org/](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/)

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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

Diocesan Office, 705 Doctors Dr.

P.O. Box 1336, Kinston, NC 28503

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Website: [www.diocese-eastcarolina.org](http://www.diocese-eastcarolina.org)

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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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Rector	The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Organist & Choirmaster	Mrs. Sharon Veitch
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey
Director of Childrens' Ministry	Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough
Sr. Warden	Mr. Jon Sargeant
Jr. Warden	Mr. Walter R. Poole

## News at St. Mary's

Join us,  
WE'REHIRING!

### Part-time Communications Director/Office Assistant

St. Mary's is now receiving applications for a part-time Communications Director/Office Assistant position. The ideal applicant will have very strong digital technology skills to manage the church's website and social media platforms, create the monthly Bell Ringer newsletter, and publish our weekly emails. Other responsibilities will include preparation of the Sunday bulletins and general office responsibilities. Hours will be 8:30am - 12:30pm, Monday - Friday. Interested applicants should send a resume with letter of interest to [lkelly@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:lkelly@stmaryskinston.com). Please spread the word!

**Block Party** - Wednesday,  
August 1; 6-8pm

**Hand in Hand Back-to-School Breakfast** for returning Teachers at Northwest Elementary School - August 20; 7:30-8:30 am

**Celebration of New Ministry** - Friday, September 7; 6pm

**St. Mary's Day with Ministry Fair** - Sunday September 9



### EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR MINISTRY!

The ministries of St. Mary's Church are organized through the work of committees & commissions and thrive with participation of every

member. Here are some upcoming opportunities to join in:  
**Worship** - Sunday, July 29, 11:15am; **Bookstore** - Jo Parrott ([jojoparrott@yahoo.com](mailto:jojoparrott@yahoo.com))  
**Child/Youth Christian Ed** - Tuesday, July 31, 5:30; **Parlor** - Whitney Grady ([whitneygrady@aol.com](mailto:whitneygrady@aol.com))  
**Fellowship** - Thursday, August 16, 5:30; **Parlor** - Jim Purnell ([jpurnell@whiteandallen.com](mailto:jpurnell@whiteandallen.com))  
**Worship** - Sunday, August 19, 11:15am; **Bookstore** - Jo Parrott

## News at St. Mary's

*Will you continue in the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*

**I will, with God's help!**

*From the Baptismal Covenant and Acts 2:42.*



Beginning, Sunday, **September 9**, breakfast will be served each Sunday morning in the coming Program Year! Come to Moseley Hall to eat from 9-9:30am before heading to Christian Formation classes. This will be a perfect opportunity to include meaningful fellowship with others on the Lord's Day.

THANK YOU to the Captains of the 7 Men's Breakfast Teams who will be

leading the cooking efforts: **Lee Albritton, Jimmy Ballard, Bill Connolly, Mike Haddad, Mark Moore, Stuart Stroud, and Kevin Zoltek!** Other gentlemen interested in joining any of these crews are welcome to ask these leaders.

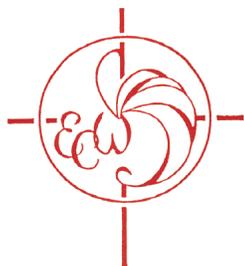
### Memorials Committee Established

On occasion, memorial gifts are given to St. Mary's in memory of a beloved friend or family member. This committee serves at the request of the Vestry to coordinate the selection and purchase of new memorials. Thank you to Sarah Weeks (chair), Rupert Jilcott, and Judy Sanders for your ministry.



On Sunday, July 15, we prayed God's blessing to be upon a pair of vases that were given to the Glory of God and in memory of our own Peter Darst (1940-1993) by Becky Darst and their family. It was a joy to worship in the company of Becky and Peter's family, surrounded as always, by the blessed communion of all the saints.

## Episcopal Church Women



Plans are being made for the Celebration of New Ministry to be held on September 7. The ECW will be providing food, flowers, and hospitality for the reception and party following the joyful liturgy. Please check your email for opportunities to participate. Many hands make light work and much joy is found when we serve together!

Sarah Warner, ECW President

Coming Next Month: The Summer Ministry Re-Cap Picture Edition of the BellRinger! Please share your pictures by emailing Gerry Fox at [gfoxjr@gmail.com](mailto:gfoxjr@gmail.com) by Sunday, August 12.

## Worship

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### Upcoming New Music Programs for All Ages

Let's lift our voices and praises to God in celebration of His majesty and glory. Children, youth, teens and adults will

have special opportunities to participate in the music ministry at St. Mary's this year. There will be the Cherub Choir, St. Cecilia Choir, Training Choristers, Choristers, Chancel Choir, Evensong Choir and a special class, Voice 101, which will address issues of the aging voice.

## VOICE for LIFE

*Voice for Life* is a program published by the Royal School of Church Music and is used around the world from cathedral choir schools to faith communities smaller than St. Mary's following in the Anglican tradition.

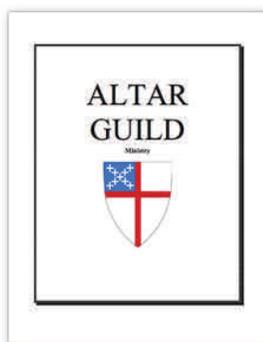
This curriculum is not only for children, but for adults as well, and is designed to help you discover what your voice can do, and then strengthen it. Ribbons and medallions are awarded as each level is achieved. Also, in addition to developing the voice, through the use of hand-bells, tone-bells, and other instruments, the joy of music will be discovered and its importance in the worship of our God.

Stay tuned to upcoming Sunday bulletin announcements, weekly emails, and the September Bell Ringer for the schedule for all choirs and classes.

Blessings,

Sharon, Organist & Choirmaster

## Worship the LORD with a thankful heart!!



### AN ALTAR GUILD CELEBRATION

has been planned for **Wednesday, August 15 at 5:45 pm** in Moseley Hall. We will enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Anne Lindley, and Father Tom will be present for a conversation about the ministry of the Altar Guild. We will also welcome the 3 newest members of the Altar

Guild: Jimmy Ballard, MaryLindley Moore, and Sue Schaffer. It is our great hope that all Altar Guild members, spouses who have been known to help from time to time, and folks who are curious about this ministry will attend!



### ACOLYTE TRAINING

will be held on **Sunday, August 19** after the **10am liturgy**. This training will be for all

Torchbearers and Gospel bearers. Anyone entering the 5th grade or older is welcome to serve as an acolyte (there is NO upper age limit... adults are welcome too!). Please see Christina Zoltek (ckzoltek@gmail.com) or Terah Archie (archiet15@ecu.edu) with any questions.

# Christian Formation

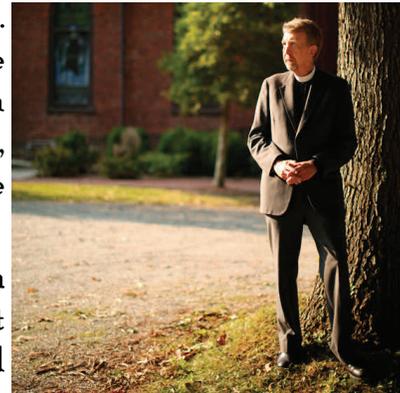
## COMING THIS FALL!!

The Christian Formation Committee for Adults has met several times over the summer and has crafted a series of programs to teach, challenge, and inspire all at St. Mary's throughout the upcoming 2018-2019 Program Year. In addition to our own clergy and teachers, guests will be joining us on occasion for these programs. The first series for this Fall, entitled "WHO WE ARE," will survey the many



characteristics of being a member of St. Mary's. Beginning with the widest possible identifier (We believe in God!), this series will bring us closer each week towards our identities as Christians, Anglicans, Episcopalians, and Kinstonian representatives of the Jesus Movement.

Highlights will include visits from **Jay Sidebotham** (left) who leads RenewalWorks, a ministry that engages parishes in the work of discipleship and spiritual vitality, and **Brooks Graebner** (right) who is



the Historiographer of the Diocese of North Carolina. A link to when Brooks was featured in Our State magazine is [here](http://prayer.ourstate.com/brooks-graebner/index.html) (<http://prayer.ourstate.com/brooks-graebner/index.html>).

Read up about Jay's work at RenewalWorks [here](http://www.renewalworks.org) ([www.renewalworks.org](http://www.renewalworks.org)) where you can also sign up for Jay's popular "Monday Matters" weekly email, and consider attending the upcoming "Discipleship Matters" conference in Charlotte, NC in October 15-17.



If you would like to help with any part of the upcoming Christian Formation activities this year, be in touch with Jess Edwards at [jledwards2003@gmail.com](mailto:jledwards2003@gmail.com).



A new class of **Education for Ministry** is being offered this Fall. Anyone can join in. The new "Year 1" class will join the "Year 2" class to discuss their studies and engage in theological reflection. Year 1 focuses on the Old Testament while Year 2 turns towards the New Testament. Sessions will be Wednesday evenings beginning in September. Contact Victoria

Brown ([ncfom@aol.com](mailto:ncfom@aol.com)) to sign up. Audra Haddad, Susan Fox, Jo Parrott, Laury & Jon Sargeant, Holly Warren, Kelli Stroud, and Terah Archie will also be able to tell you more about EfM.

GLIMPSES of the **EATING TOGETHER FAITHFULLY** class that has been meeting this summer! The conversation, study, and prayer

has been just as nourishing as the food! Thank you, Holly Warren, for leading this group.



## Youth Community News



### Middle School and High School Youth Gather EVERY Wednesday in August!

We'll Kick off with the Block Party August 1 and follow up with:

Aug 8 - How Well Do You Know Your Church Scavenger Hunt! Followed by S'Mores 7-8:30pm

Aug 15 - Faithful Followers Field Games! Followed by Popsicles 7-8:30pm

Aug 22 - God's Children Game Show Night with a snack bar 7-8:30pm

Aug 29 - RAK Race (Random Acts of Kindness race) 7-8:30pm

Each of these events will start in the Youth Room. See you there and bring a friend!

Contact Whitney Grady with any questions ([whitneygrady@aol.com](mailto:whitneygrady@aol.com)).

The Christian Education Committee for Children and Youth will meet on **Tuesday, July 31 @ 5:30 in the Parlor**. We are excited to be joined at that time by Mrs. Cookie Cantwell.

Cookie is the Coordinator of the Happening Youth Community, Youth Minister at St. James (Wilmington), and has served extensively at the Province and National levels of the Episcopal Church. All members interested in the Youth and Children's ministries of St. Mary's Church are encouraged to attend this gathering. For more information about this gathering or any other questions pertaining to Youth and Children's ministries, contact Whitney Grady ([whitneygrady@aol.com](mailto:whitneygrady@aol.com)).



Pictured above is our guest Cookie Cantwell with St. Mary's members Robin Brown and Ridge Mazingo at Happening #62.



### Blessing Of The Backpacks... and other bags!

What do you carry with you in order to get your work done? For students, backpacks are the norm. Others carry tool bags, briefcases, doctors' bags, gym bags, etc. The Lord calls us all to good work that honors Him and so we ask God's blessing on these tools of our various trades.

This blessing will be part of a time of prayer on **Sunday, August 19th, at the 10am liturgy**, marking the beginning of a new school year. Lifelong-Learners of all kinds are encouraged to bring their bags of choice to the service to be blessed.

## Other News

# Fellowship

The Fellowship Committee recently hosted a **Young Adults Night Out** at the Mother Earth Brewing Tap Room and a **St. Mary's Parish Family Night with the Down East Wood Ducks!** Many thanks to



Kevin Zoltek and Terah Archie for coordinating these wonderful events and to the volunteers who kept the nursery for the Young Adults Night! Another Young Adults Night is planned for **Sunday, August 19 from 5-7pm** (nursery will be open from **4:30-7:30**).



What is our **HAND IN HAND** Partnership with Northwest Elementary School?

School begins soon, offering St. Mary's the incredible opportunity to reach out to our neighborhood school, Northwest Elementary, to show Christ's love. For St. Mary's, our Hand-in-Hand partnership is not about meeting a single need, but a commitment to collaborate for the purpose of making a long term impact and building lasting relationship. As volunteers develop relationships with staff and students, this outreach program goes well beyond buying boxes of crayons to a passion to partner with Northwest in caring for her students.

Our partnership with Northwest has meant everything from providing snacks for children to purchasing books for the library; praying for staff and students; volunteering to spend time reading with students or serving as a math tutor; replenishing school supplies in classrooms or distributing books to students for summer reading and much more. Through these simple acts of kindness, we are sharing God's love and changing lives.

Here are three simple ways to help:

1. Pray for the students & staff of Northwest and our Hand in Hand ministry
2. Volunteer your time: whether you have an hour a week, a month, or occasionally, we have a place for you
3. Donate money to support this ministry

Want to be a part of this vibrant ministry? Contact Laury Sargeant at [jsarg4@suddenlink.net](mailto:jsarg4@suddenlink.net)

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are collecting the following needed items until **Sunday, August 19**. No donation is too small! Please place them in the containers in the Narthex or you may bring them to the Parish Office.

- ◆ Backpacks
- ◆ Wide ruled notebook paper
- ◆ No. 2 pencils
- ◆ Pens: black, blue, red
- ◆ Crayola Crayons (regular and large sizes)
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ Glue Sticks and Bottled Glue
- ◆ Colored pencils
- ◆ Student Scissors

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**Lemonade on the Lawn:**  
**Sundae Sunday**  
**Edition!**

What tastes better in the heat of summer than... ice cream?!

Be sure to join us on **Sunday, August 25th**, following the 10:00 am service, when members of the Vestry will be serving up ice cream for people to make their own sundaes. Thank you, Vestry!



**NEW EMAIL FOR FR. TOM**

In our ongoing efforts to improve communications, the church email system has transitioned to a Google-based email provider. Effective immediately, Fr. Tom's new email address is [tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com). Please update your records accordingly! Other church staff email addresses have not changed.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II

with Lemonade on the Lawn following

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

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	