

September 2022



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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

Alpha @ St. Mary's

Wednesday evenings beginning September 14 at 6pm



Explore Christianity in a relaxed, engaging, and supportive way.

- **MEALS** - Whether it's a gathering around a table or a quick coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. The upcoming Alpha sessions at St. Mary's start with a delicious home-cooked meal as we build community and get to know each other.
- **CONVERSATION** - The talks are usually around thirty minutes long. Delivered over about eleven weeks, they explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity.
- **DISCUSSIONS** - Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic and discuss it in the honest, friendly, open environment of a small group.

FREE DINNER * FREE CHILDCARE

NO COMMITMENT * JUST YOUR TIME AND THOUGHTS

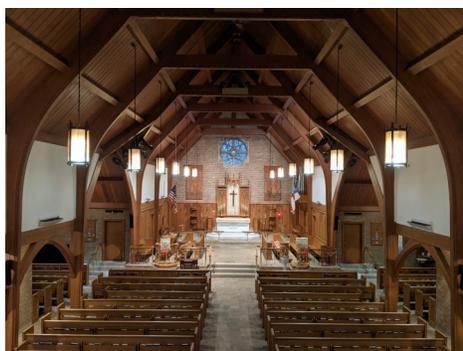
From the Rector

“Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary use words.”

-A quotation attributed to St. Francis of Assisi

This is a favorite quotation of many Christians. It reminds us of three things. First, the Good News (Gospel) of Jesus is meant to be shared openly, widely, joyfully, at every turn and opportunity with everyone! This is simply what all Christians are called to do! Second, our actions matter SO much. Whether we are aware of it or not, our actions preach. They share messages that can run the widest spectrum between loving, uplifting, and caring, to apathetic, selfish, hateful, and so much more. When we know and rejoice in the love of Jesus in our lives, we can't help but preach about that love in how we care, give, serve, and love through our actions. When those actions are noticed, that's preaching! And thirdly, this quotation reminds us that sometimes words really are necessary, though not always. We all would do well to ask God to help us discern when words are needed, and when they are not - and then follow His Spirit's lead, trusting that silent action can speak volumes, as well as trusting that God's words would come to us in the moment that speech is needed.

As we begin a new Program Year here at St. Mary's, there are so many ways that the Gospel will be proclaimed, in word and/or deed, through a variety of ministries. And I am delighted to see many ministries being able to take on more of their pre-pandemic shape. This BellRinger shares information about many of them. Along with what is written here, our Ministry Fair on September 11 will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more and help you discern God's call to join in hearing and proclaiming the Gospel!



Among them is a new ministry being formed to help our liturgies reach those unable to be present in person for worship. With the installation of livestreaming equipment nearing completion (see lights & speakers in the image), plans are being made to establish this ministry as an integral worship, pastoral care, and outreach connection to the world in need of receiving Jesus' Good News. Please hold this work in your prayers and if you are interested in being a part of this ministry, be in touch with me, Chuck Wade (wadechuck@mac.com), or Gerry Fox (gfoxjr@gmail.com).

May God bless you and all who engage in life and ministry with St. Mary's Church!

Peace,

Tom +

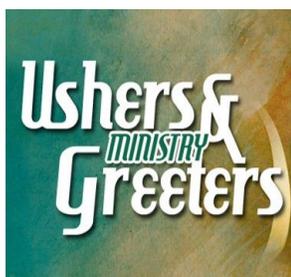


Monthly Outdoor Worship & Hootenannies

ALL are invited to join us on **Sunday, September 25th at 6pm on the West Lawn** for an outdoor time of prayer & music-making. Dress comfortably, bring a blanket or chair, **BRING A FRIEND**, feel free to bring an instrument or drum and let's have a great time as we worship our Lord and Creator!

hoot·en·an·ny - ['hootn,anē] - **NOUN; informal**

1. an informal gathering with folk music and sometimes dancing



Calling all Ushers & Greeters!

Come join in conversation about this ministry over a bowl of Clifton Carey's world-famous Jambalaya! We'll meet in Moseley Hall on **Sunday, September 18 at 5pm**. This ministry is open to everyone who is interested in helping show welcome and hospitality to all who come to St. Mary's. God bless you!



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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

Baptism:

Benjamin Eduardo Minshew

August 28, 2022

Burial:

Michael Lee Hildebrandt

August 25, 2022



Sunday Morning Parish Breakfast

Beginning **Sunday, September 18**, Sunday morning breakfasts provided by men's cook teams will resume. Join us **each Sunday at 9am in Moseley Hall**, and let us serve you and your family a delicious meal before you head to Sunday School. All are invited!!! There is no charge! Love offerings welcome.



Cherished Members' Luncheon Returns!

This special ministry celebrates our Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends with a luncheon on the **first Wednesday of each month beginning October 5th**. The luncheon begins at 11:30 am in Moseley Hall. It's a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a delicious meal lovingly prepared and served by members of St. Mary's. Be on the lookout for the sign up information.



Mass on the Grass

Invite a friend and join us **Sunday, October 2nd at 10:30am** for our next Sunday morning outdoor worship service located on the West Lawn. Immediately following the service, we will continue our fellowship together with a pot-luck covered dish meal. Paper products and drinks will be provided, and we ask that you bring a large dish to share. Invite some friends to this beautiful worship service! (The liturgy will be indoors in case of bad weather.)



BAPTISM

We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for Wells Means, son of Abby and Trey Means on **Sunday, October 23rd, during the 10:30am liturgy**. Please keep Wells, his parents, and his baptismal sponsors in your prayers. Please make every effort to join us that day as we welcome the newest member of the houseful of God and renew our own Baptismal vows at all services that day.

News at St. Mary's



The music ministry at St. Mary's offers many opportunities to share your love of singing with others.

Beginning Thursday, September 15th, the Handbell Choir will rehearse on Thursday nights at 5:45pm.

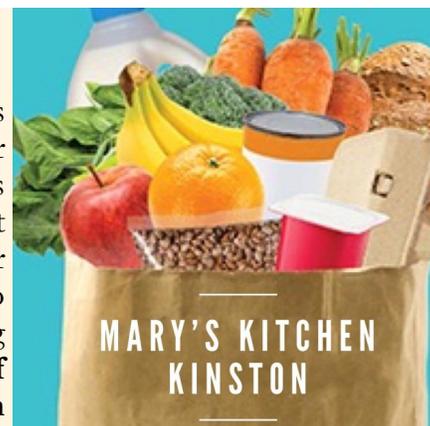
Beginning Thursday, September 15th, the Chancel Choir will rehearse at 7pm. (*We may have alternate times of rehearsal on Sunday mornings after church as we consider the safety of those who travel to and from out of town to attend rehearsals.*)

Beginning Sunday, September 18th, the Children's Choir will rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:30am or as soon as they arrive after they have eaten a hearty breakfast in Moseley hall with their families. All children are welcome, whether they are in preschool or elementary school.

Many thanks to the Music Task Group for selecting hymns that we love and have enjoyed over the last year. New hymns and service music has been added to the list of choices.

Mary's Kitchen Food Drive & Service Date

Our next food drive for Mary's Kitchen will be Sunday, September 25th. We will be collecting large cans (also called "Number 8 Cans") of fruit like pineapple, peaches, apples, or assorted fruit. Everyone is invited to drop off their food donations during **business hours the week of September 19-23 or bring it on Sunday the 25th to the morning liturgy.** The cans of fruit will be taken to the kitchen that week to coincide with **our next quarterly service date on Sat. October 1st with the ECW** scheduled to serve. If you would like to volunteer for this date, please contact [Audra Haddad](mailto:Audra.Haddad).



Mark your calendars for Boar's Head 2023!

It has been two years since we have been able to offer the Boar's Head Festival & Banquet, so we are excited to announce its planned return on **Sunday, January 8th.** The Festival is at 3pm and 5pm and is free to everyone! Tickets for the banquet that follows the 5pm service will be available for purchase beginning Monday, November 7th. Be on the lookout for more information on ways you can be involved in this wonderful tradition at St. Mary's!



Life with St. Mary's: A Newcomer Gathering

St. Mary's has been blessed to welcome many to the parish family in the last year! If you consider yourself new, or would otherwise appreciate a conversation about the life of faith at St. Mary's, please plan to come to this **3-session series on September 25, October 9, & October 23.** We'll meet after the 10:30am liturgy, and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by the Friday before each gathering to Fr. Tom at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com. Welcome!!

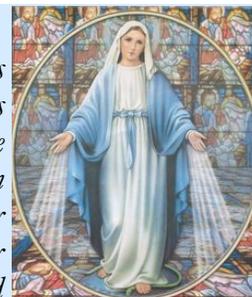
Worship



On Sunday, September 11, we will celebrate the Feast Day of St. Mary the Virgin - our parish's Matron Saint Day. This day is one of the highlights of our calendar, marking the beginning of our program year. We will also honor the new school year for St. Mary's Nursery School and its director, Mrs. Madison Mills, with the special Nursery song and prayers. Following the liturgy, we will share our final Lemonade on the Lawn (*located in the breezeway near the St. Francis Prayer Garden*) and a ministry fair! A display of tables will be set up outside with friendly greeters to share information on some of the ways that you can participate in the wonderful ministries that bear the Gospel to the world and bind us together as a faith community at St. Mary's. Please invite a friend, join us this Sunday, and find out more about "Serving with JOY" with the St. Mary's Parish Family!

Who was St. Mary the Virgin?

Mary was a young Israelite Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee and the mother of Jesus. Christians believe that she conceived her son, Jesus the Christ, miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit. This took place when she was already betrothed to Joseph and was awaiting the culminating marriage ceremony. She married Joseph and accompanied him to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The Virgin Mary is viewed as the ultimate compassionate human being, and holy, in part, because of her willingness to participate in God's plans for her life. The Virgin Mary is known and honored for her faithfulness to God, compassion for her Son and others, perseverance through incredible hardships, and much more. These must have been among the reasons why the Virgin Mary was chosen as the matron saint of this church nearly 200 years ago. Like our matron saint, we too are called to carry out ministries of faithfulness, compassion, perseverance, and much more each and every day of our lives.



Episcopal Church Women

The ECW has many opportunities for faith and fellowship in the upcoming season:

- **The ECW Bulb Sale Fundraiser will begin this month!** Be on the lookout for ordering forms from Juliet Barrus in the upcoming weeks.
- **The wonderful ECW group serves at Mary's Kitchen on Saturday, October 1st from 8:30am-12pm.** Please email/text/call Audra Haddad if you are able to serve that day.
- Mark your calendars for our Starry Night Movie Night on **Sunday, October 9th at 7pm.** We will be showing *Sabrina*, with Audrey Hepburn. Bring your chair, blanket, and beverage - we will supply the popcorn!



CARDS, CASSEROLES,
& CARE MINISTRY

ECW began the Faith Friends ministry when COVID entered our lives. Since many of our friends who are not able to come to church are also in need of Pastoral Care, we would like to combine these outreach ministries into one that provides loving CARE through CARDS and CASSEROLES (CCC) throughout the year. Some parishioners appreciate cards and/or visits, while others may be in need of a meal at times. With CCC, we will have **monthly sign ups** to make one 8x8 casserole to stock the ECW freezer and/or send cards to parishioners who can not make it to church. Sign up sheets for both cards and casseroles are available in the church Narthex or at these links: for cards at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ADA62EA2FE3-ccc or for casseroles at www.signupgenius.com/go/4090945ADA62EA2FE3-cccaring. Pam

Mazingo with Pastoral Care will communicate the names and addresses for sending cards with the volunteers each month, and casseroles will be distributed from the ECW freezer on an as needed basis. Thank you, Pam, for sharing this idea with our group.

Christian Formation

Join us for *Alpha*
**A SPACE FOR HONEST
 CONVERSATION
 AROUND SOME OF LIFE'S
 BIGGEST QUESTIONS.**
 EVERY WEDNESDAY
 STARTING SEPTEMBER 14TH
 DINNER STARTS AT 6PM
 ALPHA STARTS AT 6:30PM

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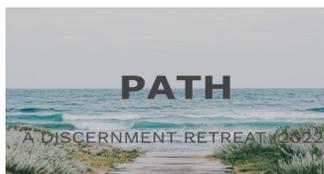
Sacred Ground: A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race & Faith



Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. To learn more about this series, go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/participant-preparation-guide/>. This series will be offered on Sunday afternoons in the fall. Start date and time will be announced soon. Please email Pam Mazingo to register. Registration deadline is September 13th.

EfM
 EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

A New EfM Class Begins - Education for Ministry is a rich and wonderful opportunity for diving deeper into your life of faith. On Sunday, September 11, we will recognize the graduates of the current EfM class during our 10:30am liturgy. A new EfM season will begin late fall, and we invite you to visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu/> to learn more about EfM. Please email Jon Sargeant (jsarg4@suddenlink.net) for more information, to ask questions, or to join the new class.

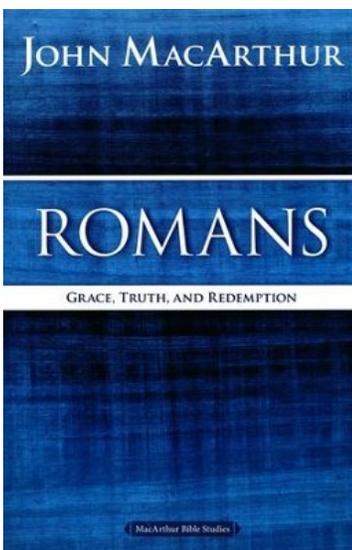


The annual Path Discernment Retreat, offered by the Diocese of East Carolina, will be **September 23-24** at Trinity Center. Participants will journey inward to more fully and authentically align their purpose with God's vision for their lives. Interested persons may register at <https://dioec.regfox.com/path-2022>. The retreat is offered at no cost, but space is limited. Email John Pollock at rector@StAndrewsMHC.org for more information.

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

The Adult Christian Formation Class will be studying the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Romans during the fall. Bishop N. T. Wright calls the letter to the Christians in Rome "Paul's masterpiece." This masterpiece is all about God, who unveils divine power and grace through the good news of Christ Jesus. And, the really, really good news is that Christ's power and grace is available for all. Our conversations will follow the book on Romans from the MacArthur Bible Studies series. A free copy of the book will be provided to every participating household. There will be plenty of time for discussion! We meet in Moseley Hall on Sunday mornings right after breakfasts, beginning at 9:30 am. Our Adult Christian Formation Team, led by John John, are the facilitators for this class. Join us!

"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection." -Romans 12:9-10



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



EYC Coffee with Liz

Thursday, September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

4:00-5:30 pm

All EYC

(at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse)

Wednesday Night Suppers & Lessons

Every Wednesday beginning September 14th

6-7:30pm

All Ages

Join us for dinner, time to learn, and time to grow together. Staffed nurseries are available.

Kid's Sunday School

Every Sunday beginning September 18th

9:30-10:20am

Birth-5th Grade

Join us for Bible story time, activities, prayer, and fun!

EYC Formation

Every Sunday beginning September 18th

9:30-10:20am

6th grade-12th grade

Join us for Bible questions, discussion, activities, prayer, and fellowship!

Youth Confirmation Class Meeting

Every Sunday beginning September 18th

9:30-10:20am

Confirmation Students

Join us as we journey through the process of discovering what it means to be confirmed.

Some classes will be with all the EYC students. Be sure to check the schedule.

YOUTHREACH

Saturday, September 17th

10am-3pm

Middle School and High School Students

Contact Liz for details on this Diocesan-wide event. Join us!

From the Desk of Liz:

Welcome to a new school year journey! This curriculum year, our Kids Ministries will look a little different but still be amazing! We will have an infant nursery available Sunday mornings from 9am-noon. We will have a toddler nursery available during the 10:30am service. Also, we will have many Sunday School classes available for these age groups:

- toddler Sunday School class
- pre-K(ish)-2nd grade(ish) class, and
- a 2nd grade(ish) - 5th grade class.

We place an emphasis on "-ish", because these classes will be based more on when your child is ready to move up to the next class. Please talk to me if you are unsure what class your child fits in.

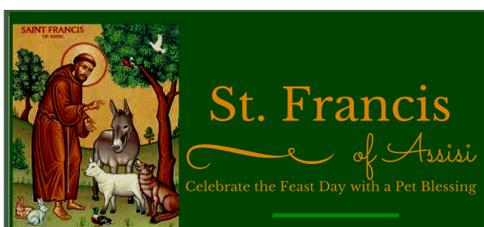
SAVE THE DATES:

- October 2 (afternoon)
Blessing of the Animals service
- October 21-23
Happening #78
- October 31 (4:30-6:30pm)
Trunk-OR-Treat
- A St. Mary's Family Camping Trip is also being planned! (Oct 28-30 or Nov 4-6)
- November 18-20
Fall Conference for Middle Schoolers

Be sure to check out our Instagram pages for updates!

Liz

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SAVE THE DATE:
THE BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS

On **Sunday, October 2nd, at 4pm**, ALL ANIMALS (and their human companions) are invited to St. Mary's Church for the annual Blessing of the Animals liturgy!! All animals are to be accompanied by their human friends and restrained either by leash or carrier/cage. A special offering of monetary donations and pet food will be collected for the **Lenoir County SPCA**.

SUNDAYS

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
9:00 am - Breakfasts for all in Moseley Hall
9:30 am - Christian Formation for all ages
10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

8:30 am - Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 am - Men's Prayer & Bible Breakfast in Moseley Hall
6:00 pm - ALPHA (Meal & Discussions) in Moseley Hall

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	2024
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	