



September, 2017

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



Interim Rector

Dear Friends,

We've been through the hard part. Now, we're squarely in the messy part. Just no way around it; growth requires messiness. As we try a new time for Sunday School and our later worship service, things may feel a little uncomfortable. As we try new classes, new ministries, it all may feel a little chaotic. But, we know from scripture—and also from quantum physics—that order comes out of chaos. New ideas, new ways of being, new relationships are all born in messiness. So, let's just wade into that glorious messiness, trusting in God and following Christ Jesus. Persist in that marvelous messiness; in spite of the discomfort of it, please, don't give up. As God's Spirit led the Israelites through the wilderness, so the Spirit is leading us. I pray that we fully will embrace the “messy middle” so that we may fully rejoice when we reach that gorgeous end and celebrate the call of your new rector. May it be so, St. Mary's, may it be so!

Judith⁺



New Worship Schedule begins September 10, 2017!!

You asked for it and now it's here! The BIG EXPERIMENT with our Sunday worship schedule begins on September 10th—St. Mary's Sunday! Our 8:00 am Holy Eucharist will not change, but our **Christian Education time will now begin at 9:15 am. Our later service of Holy Eucharist will begin at 10:30 am.** This new schedule will continue through the end of the year at which time the clergy and Vestry will determine whether to keep the new schedule or return to the old schedule.

Please note that our Acolytes need to begin vesting no later than 10:15 am. All of the altar party (Acolytes, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir, Clergy) should gather in the narthex no later than 10:25 am so we can begin the service on time.

Also, please keep in mind that occasional activities following the 10:30 am service still will happen from time to time, like special presentations or Lemonade on the Lawn.

A New Infant Nursery!

Our very youngest parishioners are very important to us; and, beginning on September 10, 2017 there will be a separate nursery for little ones whose ages are from birth to two years. This nursery will be in the Mothers Room. The lead nursery worker for this nursery will be Mrs. Melody Keeter, who has had a great deal of experience with childcare in churches. Melody will be assisted by another nursery worker. We are grateful to Jess Edwards, who has helped with the hiring of our new nursery workers. And, we are also deeply grateful to many of the women of St. Mary's who have provided furniture and supplies for this nursery.

Our nursery for children three to five years old will continue with Mrs. Heather Wentz as the lead nursery worker and with Miss Kaitlyn Hill assisting her. This year, they will also be hosting a time of Christian Education for 2-3 year olds as part of our wonderful new children's curriculum.



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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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Mission Trip to the DR



The Dominican Republic Mission Trip experience will be shared at St. Mary's as part of Summer Mission Sunday on September 24 during the sermon time of the 10:30am liturgy.



Stay Connected with your Church Family via our Online Directory & Mobile App!

Members of St. Mary's can access our online directory, update their contact information and preferences, make contributions online and see their statements using a computer or mobile device.

To create an account and access the member directory follow the link on the church website titled "[St. Mary's Member Log In.](#)"

With the [Church Life app](#) for your smartphone or other mobile device, members can access the online directory from any location, call or text other members immediately, or even get directions. For more information, see Fr. Tom.

Worship

St. Mary's Day celebration

St. Mary's Day will be observed on Sunday, September 10th! This is the Matron Feast Day of our church family. The Eucharist will be celebrated and special music enjoyed. Additionally, a church-wide breakfast is being planned for **the time in between the liturgies at 9am** in Moseley Hall. More information will be forthcoming, but please mark your calendars now and plan to celebrate this special day in the life of St. Mary's Church!



Kids' Ministry in 2017-2018!!

September marks the beginning of a new season of ministry for all ages at St. Mary's, including some exciting things for kids! This year's Sunday School classes (9:15-10:15am) will be tailored to the lessons that we will hear in church later that morning and will use the *Spark! Story Bible*. Each child will even be given his or her own copy of the *Spark! Story Bible* to have as a gift.

Preschool Class will be in the Nursery (2&3yo)

Elementary Class will be in Room 210 (K-2nd G)

Also here's what kids will be up to on Wednesdays:

5:15pm - Both Nurseries Open

5:30pm - E(lementary)EYC for 2nd-5th Graders

5:45pm - St. Cecilia's Choir for 3yo-1st Graders

6:15pm - Parish Family Night in Moseley Hall

From Our Director of Music

The Choir of St. Mary's will be returning to their regularly scheduled rehearsal time on Wednesday evenings. The first rehearsal will be at 7:00pm, Wednesday, September 6, 2017, in the choir room. Since Christian Formation will be meeting at 9:15-10:15am on Sunday during our previously scheduled Sunday morning rehearsal time, the choir rehearsal on Wednesday evenings will be extended until 9:00pm providing for choir members flexibility to attend Christian Formation.

New choir members are always welcome to join us. Vocal training takes place at the beginning of every rehearsal. The secret to quality singing is in the breathing. You are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm.

This past year, we enjoyed a Hymnfest in February with the singing of the "Top Five Favorite Hymns." As of August, 2017, all favorite hymns submitted for the Hymnfest have been included in the hymn selections for the weekly Sunday services. In anticipation of another opportunity to sing your favorite hymns, please submit your favorite hymns to sveitch@stmaryskinston.com.

Young children, middle schoolers, high schoolers, adults, ECW and members gifted in public relations helped to make this a successful musical year at St. Mary's – Christmas Eve, Boar's Head Festival, Lenten Evensong, Craven Brass Quintet, concerts by Janet Chung, the Massey Duo, Wendell Kimbrough, and the Devin Frazier jazz ensemble for Mass on the Grass.

The Association of Anglican Musicians held its conference this summer, a conference which meets once a decade in the UK when the last digit of the year is 7. The next visit to the UK will be in 2027. Travel to the UK began on the 9th of July with a return on the 24th of July. Tours of cathedrals, abbeys, and castles dotted the countryside – from Winchester to Canterbury and ending at Westminster Abbey. This is a trip that will be a highlight of my service at St. Mary's.

Blessings,

Sharon Veitch

Coming This Fall



FamilyNight

BRINGING GENERATIONS TOGETHER

Live from Kinston: It's Wednesday Night!!

Our Wednesday Parish Family Nights resume on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:15 pm. We will begin with a brief devotional and then enjoy food and fellowship. Each week a signup sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex listing the week's dinner menu. Please remember to make your reservation with the church office, (252) 523-6146, prior to noon on Tuesdays. The cost of the meal is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12 and no more than \$25 for a family of 2 adults and children under 12. We also need help with cleaning up after the meal. If you are willing to be part of the clean-up crew, a signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. We hope you'll join your parish family on Wednesday evenings this fall!

YOUNG ADULTS – A new Sunday School class for young adults will meet in the Bookstore where we'll share our walks of faith during this season of our lives together. Topics of conversation will vary and may include sessions on vocation & faith, parenting, politics & current events, theology, health & wellness, finances, and Bible study. Breakfast will be served and childcare will be provided!

DAVE RAMSEY'S

FINANCIAL *Peace*
UNIVERSITY

A new session of *Financial Peace University* led by Mike Haddad will meet Sundays at 2pm in the Parlor, beginning Sep 10. To register, visit: www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1046036

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Adult Christian Formation Class will study 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.

"Invitation to Romans" is a video series published by Disciple Bible Study. The video lasts about 15 minutes and will be augmented with supplemental material. There will be plenty of time for discussion! We will meet in Mosely Hall Sundays beginning at 9:15 am. Our Adult Christian Formation Team, led by Dr. John John, will be the facilitators for this class.



Education for Ministry is a four-year program of intense Biblical and theological study. Efm utilizes a unique format of theological reflection that helps make scripture and theology more relevant and meaningful in the lives of participants.

The cost of Education for Ministry is \$275.00 for the first year and \$375.00 for the subsequent years. Generous scholarship monies are available. Cost should not prevent anyone from participating.

If you are interested in participating, please see Audra Haddad, Gilda Hollar, Victoria Brown, or Mo. Judith for a registration form.

The day and time of the class will be determined by those participating in the class. An informational meeting will be held September 3 at 11:20am in the Bookstore.

For more information about Efm, go to <http://efm.sewanee.edu/>.

Holy Happy Hour!

Please join us at 5:45 pm on Wednesday evenings for **Holy Happy Hour!** We will meet in the Parlor for an informal time of conversation before our parish dinner. What a great way to relax after a busy day! Holy Happy Hours will begin September 13.

Youth & St. Mary's Glory Ridge

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday, August 31

Happening Team Registration
Deadline

Sunday September 10

St. Mary's Day &

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE!!

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

10:30am Worship

yOUTHREACH registration due
this day too!

Saturday September 16

yOUTHREACH at Christ
Church, New Bern (Diocesan
Youth Event for grades 6-12)

Wednesday, September 13

Our Wednesday Schedule
Starts:

3:00pm Homework Hangout

5:30pm EYC!!!

6:15pm Parish Family Night

Friday, September 15

Happening Candidate
Registration Deadline

Saturday, September 30

Happening #70 Team Meeting
(St. James, Wilmington)

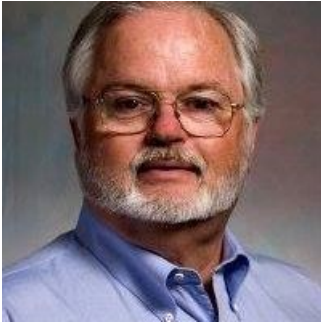
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Happening #70 @ Trinity
Center (Diocesan HS event)

The Glory Ridge Mission Trip experience will be shared at St. Mary's as part of Summer Mission Sunday on September 24 during the sermon time of the 10:30am liturgy.



Other News



Mary's Kitchen is proud to announce James (Jim) E. Godfrey has accepted the position as new Executive Director. Jim, who has lived in Kinston since 1987, is the former President of Kinston-Lenoir County Chamber of Commerce and recently served as President of the Clayton Chamber of Commerce.

Jim is married to Robyn Ambrose Godfrey, formerly from Jacksonville, Florida. The Godfreys have two daughters, Christine Gilmore and Kimberly Taylor, along with step-children Shannon Foscue and Davin Arnold.

Jim is a graduate of East Carolina University with a B.A. degree in History and the Institute for Organizational Management. He has served as President of the North Carolina Jaycees (1983-84) as well as National Vice-President of the United States Jaycees. When he is not working for Mary's Kitchen, Jim enjoys golfing, watching the Down East Wood Ducks, and attending every home football game of his beloved ECU Pirates... plus enjoying time with his two precious grandchildren, Palmer Foscue and Trent Taylor.

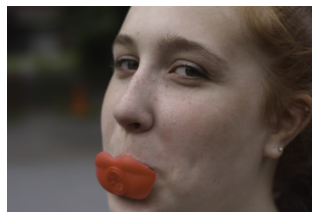
In accepting the position Jim remarked that "I can't thank the Personnel Committee enough in giving me this opportunity to serve not only Mary's Kitchen but our entire community. I am looking forward to meeting and working with our fabulous volunteers who are the heart of this organization." Jim can be contacted at maryskitchen@stmaryskinston.com or by phone at 919-915-0373 (cell).

WHY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS?

Thanks to the generosity of the parish, Mo. Judith and Fr. Tom are able to respond in Christ's love to the financial needs of others. Sometimes this takes the form of assisting neighbors (church members or not) going through a rough time and in need of help. Other times, this comes in the form of purchasing unbudgeted, but necessary, items for the life of the parish. In recent weeks, clergy were able to support a new initiative of our Hand in Hand Partnership leaders at Northwest Elementary School as well as contribute to emergency relief efforts in the Outer Banks following their devastating power outages and in the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Harvey. Thank you for making this possible. God bless you!



Block Party



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Cherished Members and Friend's Luncheon



Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends are invited to the next luncheon to be held on **Thursday, October 5th. The luncheon gets underway at 11:30 a.m. in Moseley Hall.**

If you've not been before we, urge you to attend. It's a great time to get together with friends, new and old.

Those planning to attend are asked to sign up in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office. The luncheons are a ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women.

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
 Beginning September 10: 9:15 a.m. – Sunday School
 September 3: 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 September 10, 17, 24: 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
 Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2016

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