



August 2019

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



Summer Ministries



8th Annual St. Mary's Neighborhood Block Party!!!

Wednesday, August 7th
6:00pm - 8:00pm

Live music, food, and fellowship with our
neighbors! Fun and games for the kids!

Please invite a friend and plan to attend!

Step One:

Love God

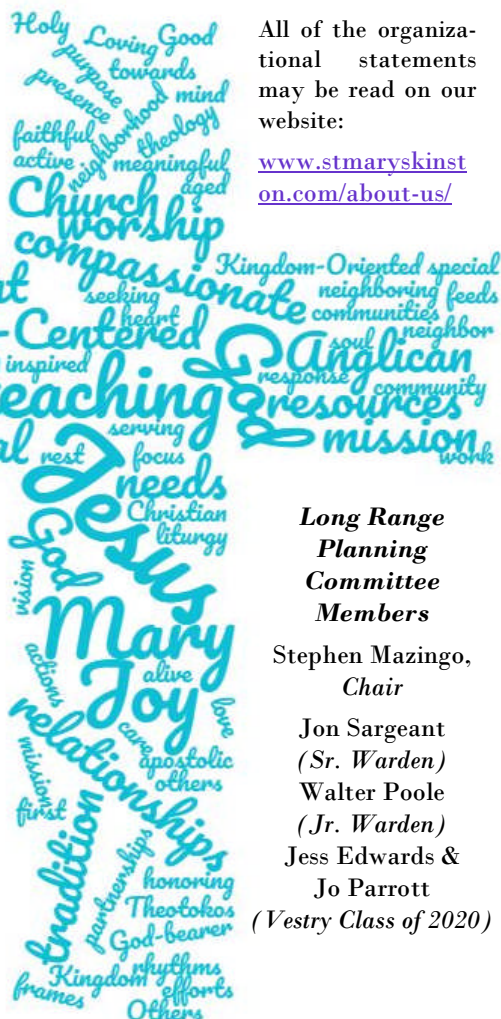
Step Two:

Love Your Neighbor

From the Rector

Each of the 12 elements of our organizational statements will be featured in the 2019 BellRingers as a way of explaining and celebrating how we hear God calling us into JOY-ful service in this time. In this edition, we begin to look at the Vision Statement...

This “word-cloud” cross is made up of many of the key words contained in our organizational statements.



All of the organizational statements may be read on our website:

www.stmaryskinston.com/about-us/

In late 2018, the Vestry commissioned a Long Range Planning Committee to recommend future priorities as a church and neighborhood parish based on these organizational statements and in consultation with the Rector. Please keep this group’s faithful ministry in your prayers!

Long Range Planning Committee Members

Stephen Mazingo,
Chair

Jon Sargeant
(Sr. Warden)

Walter Poole
(Jr. Warden)

Jess Edwards &
Jo Parrott

(Vestry Class of 2020)

There is a proverb in the Bible that warns “without vision, the people perish.” A St. Mary’s parishioner once offered an interpretation of this verse, re-phrased in positive words: “with vision, the people thrive.” In both cases, the point is clear that we, as individuals and as communities, need to keep our focus sharp on what it is that God is calling us to be and to do. Having this vision in words and oft-revisited is helpful to remind us of where we are heading.

Our Vision Statement is the result of the vestry and clergy’s prayerfully asking “what do we believe God is calling St. Mary’s to be in the future?” These six visionary points are the characteristics that we hope to display. This doesn’t mean that St. Mary’s can’t be described by these points now, of course, but they point us clearly in the direction of the priorities that we sense God calling us to have. Notice that each of the six points is rooted in Jesus’ love, marked by joy (a fruit of the Holy Spirit), and meant for God’s people (everyone!).

The first is “inspired joy-filled worship in the Anglican tradition.” This point is so important because it calls us to express our joy in the Lord whenever we offer our gifts of praise and thanksgiving to God in our liturgies. Worship is the believer’s gift to God. Whenever Christians come together on Sunday mornings, it’s like a mini-Easter: a celebration in thanksgiving that Jesus’ resurrection gives assurance of eternal life to all who share in it.

At St. Mary’s, we cherish the guide that the Book of Common Prayer offers in leading us in our gifts of praise: engaging God’s word, proclaiming the full Gospel, singing songs of praise, confessing our sins and hearing God’s forgiveness, splashing in the life-giving waters of baptism, being fed at the Lord’s table, and being sent out with Gospel purpose. With each ‘AMEN!’ we say, we effectively say “YES!!!” to the prayers and praise of countless apostles, disciples, and other believers who have come before us, and take our place with all who follow The Way of Jesus today. That, dear friends, is reason for GREAT JOY and a beautiful vision!

Tom +

The Vision Statement of St. Mary’s

Through the love of Jesus, St. Mary’s will be a joy-filled Christian community for all individuals through:

- ***inspired joy-filled worship in the Anglican tradition***
- faithful apostolic teaching that feeds the mind and soul
- compassionate response to the needs of all, with special focus on the needs of the aged, children, and those in crisis
- partnerships with neighboring faith communities and others
- meaningful relationships with the neighborhood
- honoring God in rhythms of work and rest, and in the intentional use of all resources

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A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

News at St. Mary's



"Lemonade on the Lawn"

Lemonade on the Lawn continues through August and will conclude September 1st. We hope you join us for this relaxing moment of fellowship following our 10:30am liturgy! Thanks to all the hosts!



From the Parish Register



Baptisms:

Ella Grace Gilmore

Daughter of Theresa & Joel Gilmore
Granddaughter of Dr. & Mrs. Sam Gilmore
June 9, 2019

Dorothy Alexandra Kelley
Daughter of Mary & Ryan Kelley
Granddaughter of Molly & Randy Kelley
June 23, 2019

Transfers In:

The Rosa-Irizarry Family;
Jose, Beatriz, & Isabel
July 16, 2019

Burial:

Chrysanne Bridwell, daughter of St. Mary's member Frances Bridwell
July 14, 2019

Pastoral Announcements

Births

Bennett Lewis Whitfield
June 12, 2019
Son of Rachel & Michael Whitfield
Grandson of Fr. Michael & Teresa Singer

Oliver Fields Finnin
July 20, 2019
Son of Kaitlin & Nathan Finnin
Grandson of Vicki & Jay Barker

Death

Alice Vandivere
June 15, 2019

News at St. Mary's



Heart Saver CPR & AED Training



In August, St. Mary's will offer certification training for adult, child, and infant CPR & AED. The classes will be held in Moseley Hall and led by UNC Lenoir Memorial Hospital. There are two dates to choose from: Thursday, August 8 from 1-3:30pm or Wednesday, August 21 from 6:30-9pm. We will need to have between 3 and 12 participants per class. Cost per person is \$55. Contact the church office to sign up no later than 2 days prior to the date you prefer.

Got
questions
about life

Alpha

try Alpha here

Coming
Wednesdays
This Fall

Alpha is a casual exploration of the Christian faith.

We start with food and community.

We watch a short talk on video.

We talk about it.

Every opinion matters & every perspective is appreciated.

Be yourself. Explore. Ask questions.

No pressure. No strings attached.

More details to come. See you there! **Alpha.**



Episcopal Farmworker Ministry




The EFwM, a ministry of the Dioceses of North Carolina and East Carolina, responds to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families. The farmworkers in the fields go through shirts quickly and currently need long sleeves for protection from chemicals and sun. During the months of July & August, our parish family is participating in a shirt drive to benefit this ministry. Please consider donating any men's long sleeve, button up shirts you could spare and place them in the Narthex or the church office. For questions, call John McRae at 229-220-5619.



rightnow MEDIA
over 3,500 discipleship videos for kids, youth and adults

One of our goals at St. Mary's is to provide our members with discipleship resources, which is why we're giving all of our members access to RightNow Media! This invitation is available to our parish family, and the whole video library, including tons of children's shows, may be accessed for free via our website at www.stmaryskinston.com. We hope you will take advantage of this amazing resource for you and your family!

St. Mary's will hold a summer Blood Drive on **Tuesday, August 27, Noon-4pm**. Walk ins are always welcome, but appointments will be honored first. Make your reservations at www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Thank you!

 American Red Cross

Worship

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. We are thrilled to have two baptisms planned for the month of August: **Claire Shimer**, daughter of Kristen & John Shimer and granddaughter of Jessica & Sandy Shimer, on Sunday, August 11, 2019 at the 10:30am liturgy and **Maeve Coley**, daughter of Rachel & Eric Coley and granddaughter of Vicki and Claude Kennedy on Sunday, August 18, 2019 at the 10:30am liturgy. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers, and plan to be present in body and spirit as we welcome the newest members into God's family!



SING OUT MY SOUL!



This summer we have asked "What are your favorite hymns?" and you have responded! Thank you for your participation ~ we have truly enjoyed singing your favorites! If you have not taken the opportunity to share your favorite hymn with us yet, there is still time. In the Sunday bulletin, you will find a tear-off portion in the announcements section. Please tell us your favorite hymns (include your name) and place in the collection plate. We will be singing member favorites this summer for the Offertory Hymn. Also, feel free to email selections to Sharon Veitch at sveitch@stmaryskinston.com.



The Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 18th
10:30am liturgy

Join us for a special time of prayer to mark the beginning of a new school year. All students, lifelong learners, and educators are invited to bring your bag of choice for a special blessing during this service!

Acolyte Ministry

Acolyte training will be held on **Sunday, August 11 after the 10:30am liturgy**. This training will be for all new acolytes or anyone wishing for a refresher. 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 Fr. Tom, Christina Zoltek (ckzoltek@gmail.com), or Terah Archie (archiet15@ecu.edu) with any questions about serving!

Love God. Love Your Neighbor. Change the World.

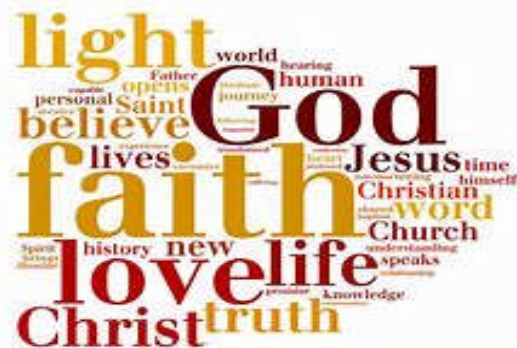
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Christian Formation

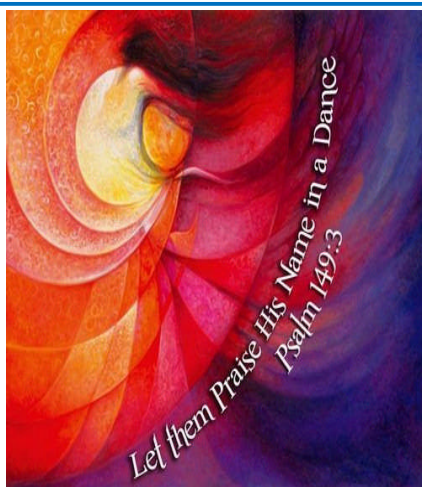


A new class of **Education for Ministry** is being offered this Fall! Anyone can join in the theological discussions and reflections. Beginning September 10th, sessions will be Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. Please contact Jon Sargeant for a registration form (jonsargeantattorney@gmail.com). For more information about EfM, visit <http://efm.sewane.edu/>.



COMING SOON

This fall, St. Mary's is excited to offer Liturgical Dancers for our youth! Any dancer 3 years old through high school age is welcome to participate. Please contact Whitney Grady at whitneygrady@aol.com to sign up your dancer!



Join us for a new **Parent & Child Sunday School group** on Sunday mornings at 9:30am starting September 15th in Room 110. This supportive group is for any parent/grandparent and child (ages infant to kindergarten) seeking advice and ideas on raising children in the Christian faith. Enjoy simple conversations, fellowship in your parenting journey, and a casual atmosphere.



Episcopal Church Women

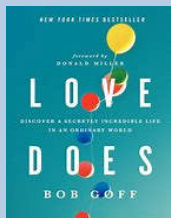
The ECW hosted Bunco night on July 23rd, where we enjoyed an evening of food, fun, laughter, games, and prizes! Thank you to everyone who joined us in fellowship, and a very special thanks to Amy Albritton for teaching and facilitating Bunco to our group! We look forward to future upcoming ECW events as fall approaches and hope you will join us!



Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

EYC summer plans continue this August!



The 3rd annual summer book study for girls, led by Holly Warren, continues into in Love Does by Bob Goff.

The EYC Guys continue to meet Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-4:45pm each week for Christian fellowship while enjoying activities like basketball, video games, and music.

UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES:

Glory Ridge Mission Trip!!!

- July 28 – August 3

8th Annual Block Party

- Wednesday, August 7
- 6-8pm

EYC returns

- Wednesday, September 11
- 5:30pm

Christian Formation for Youth

- Sunday, September 15
- 9:30am

yOUTHREACH 2019

- Saturday, September 21
- St. Andrew's (Goldsboro)

HAPPENING #74

- October 18-20, 2019
- For 9-12th graders at Trinity Ctr
- Team & Candidate Forms can already be found at the Diocesan website!

FALL CONFERENCE

- November 15-17, 2019
- For Middle Schoolers @ Trinity Ctr
- Team & Candidate Forms will be available later this summer



Dominican Republic Mission Trip



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**SAVE
THE
DATE**

We look forward to the beginning of the Fall Program Year and hope you will join us in the activities St. Mary's offers:

September 11

Wednesday Night Programming begins including EYC, Music Ministries, and meals

September 15

Christian Formation for all Ages begins

September 17

Education for Ministry begins

GOD BLESS YOUR GIVING!

Your year-round giving is important to the mission and ministry of St. Mary's Church and allows for the events included in this newsletter as well as things like air conditioned worship spaces, staff payment, and so much more. Giving statements for the 2nd quarter have been emailed recently. Please contact the church office if you notice any corrections that need to be made. Thank you!

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Sundays 10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite II

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

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2019	2020	2021
Juliet Barrus	Jess Edwards	Jimmy Ballard
Walter Poole	Gerry Fox	Sam Gilmore
Jim Purnell	Whitney Grady	Jessica Shimer
Jon Sargeant	Jo Parrott	Stuart Stroud

Senior Warden – Jon Sargeant

Junior Warden – Walter Poole

Clerk – Whitney Grady

Treasurer – Billy Page

RECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays: 9am-noon

Wednesdays: 9am-Noon

Thursdays: 2pm-4:30pm

Fridays: 9am-Noon

* other times by appointment