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*St. Mary's Episcopal Church*

# The Bell Ringer

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## A Season of Welcome at St. Mary's!

### A Letter from the Senior Warden, Mr. P.C. Barwick



It is with great joy that the vestry of St. Mary's announces the near-arrival of two leaders to our community of faith. **The Rev. Judith Reese** (she prefers "Judith") has accepted the call as our Interim Rector and **Mrs. Sharon Veitch** has accepted the call as our new Organist and Choir Director. You will have plenty of opportunities to meet and greet them soon. Until then, here is some introductory information.

We are anticipating Judith's arrival around the 1st of November and expect her to be with us for 12 months. She and her husband, David, will occupy the Rectory as their residence.

Judith grew up in Birmingham, AL and lived in Memphis for two decades before coming to NC in 2014 as the interim rector of Holy Trinity in Fayetteville. She comes to St. Mary's from Christ Episcopal Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Judith graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy and a master's degree in Public Health with a major emphasis in epidemiology and biostatistics. Before moving to Memphis, she was on the research faculty at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine primarily in Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Neonatology.

After completing her Masters of Divinity at the Memphis Theological Seminary in 1999, she entered the ordained ministry, first in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and later in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Judith's call to congregational transition and conflict led her to a vocation in interim ministry.

It was a deep desire for a more sacramental life of faith that led Judith to the Episcopal Church and there she has found a true home. To prepare for ordination, she spent a year studying at The School of Theology at the University of the South at Sewanee, TN. She currently is continuing her studies as a student in the doctoral program at Sewanee.

Judith's husband, David, is a manufactures' representative in the hardware industry. Their grown daughter, Jillian Reese Smith, is a critical care nurse, currently in training to be a nurse anesthetist in the University of Tennessee Nursing School. Jillian's husband, Richard Smith, is a professor at the UT Medical School. They have one son, Marshall.

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## 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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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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### 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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Jr. Warden	Mr. J. Mark Herring
Interim Rector	The Rev'd Judith Reese
Assistant Rector	The Rev'd Thomas Warren
Parish Administrator	Mrs. LaTonya Smith
Minister of Music	Mrs. Sharon Veitch
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Linda Johnson
Director of Children's Ministries	Mrs. Shelly Yarbrough

## A Season of Welcome!

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Sharon Veitch will begin serving at St. Mary's this month, with her first Sunday being on October 23. Sharon joins us from St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Swansboro.

She has been a church musician for over 20 years. During that time, she has been an Organist, Choir Director, Director of Music, and Music Teacher. She has led choirs of adults, Choristers, and Hand Bells. She has prepared music for Vacation Bible School and Sunday School programs. She has directed cantatas, orchestrated works for choir and orchestra, hired soloists and instrumentalists, and, of course, planned and implemented music for countless liturgies.

Additionally, Sharon is a gifted dancer and has taught ballroom dancing lessons through her own dancing company for years.

[Online readers of the Bell Ringer can click here to watch a YouTube video of Sharon's Master's Recital from 2015 as part of her studies toward the Masters in Music degree at East Carolina University.](#)

The Search Committee was impressed by the breadth of her many experiences - serving the *whole* church in every generation. Most of all, they admired her stated goals of "continuing to study to perfect my role as a church musician...as organist, choir director, music administrator, and care for others, helping them to develop their strengths and talents in service to God."

Plans are underway with our Fellowship and Worship Committee leadership to offer formal welcomes to Judith and Sharon as a church family and these plans will be shared soon. Please greet them warmly when you see them!

**WELCOME**  
**WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!**



## October Events



# HYMN SING


**Come make a joyful noise with visiting musician Jesse James DeConto from Durham, NC. Non-alcoholic beverages also available. All are welcome!**

**Sunday, October 16th  
4-6pm  
@ the Mother Earth Brewing Tap Room**

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
stmaryskinston.com

**Located on W. North Street near  
Herritage St in Kinston, NC**

**MOTHER EARTH BREWING**  
motherearthbrewing.com



**WENDELL KIMBROUGH**  
PSALMS WE SING TOGETHER

Did you enjoy last April's visit and Hymn Sing with Wendell Kimbrough? Wendell's latest album of hymns based on the Psalms, many of which we sang together during his time with us, has recently been released. [To listen or download the album, or otherwise support his ministry, visit www.wendellk.com.](http://www.wendellk.com)



**St. Mary's EYC  
Halloween Carnival**

**Sunday, October 30th  
4-5:30PM**

**Admission:**  
ages 4-10 \$4.00  
ages 2-3 \$3.00  
(under 2- free!)

**Hot Dog Meal Tickets \$3.00**

**Face Painting! & Much More!**

**Food & Prizes!**

**Ring Toss!**

**Cake Walk!**

**Bean Bag Toss!**



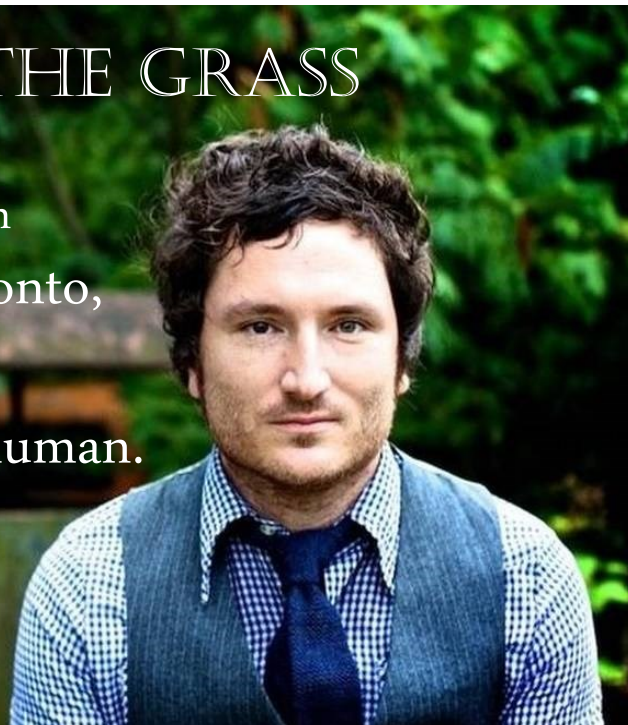
## Worship

### MASS ON THE GRASS

Featuring music with  
Jesse James DeConto,  
Steven DeConto,  
and Caroline Schuman.

**Sunday, October 16**

**10am**



A fall *Mass on the Grass* will be held Sunday, October 16th, at 10:00 am on the West Lawn. We look forward to musical offerings from our guest musicians from Durham, NC as we join in worship. Following the service, there will be a covered dish picnic. The church will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, and paper products. Everyone is asked to bring a LARGE side dish or dessert to share for this meal. See you on the lawn!!



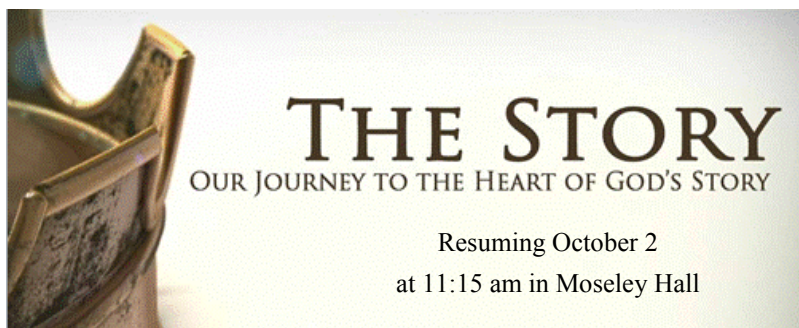
Episcopalians define baptism as “**full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body the Church**” (*Book of Common Prayer*, Pg. 312). While baptisms are occasions to be celebrated anytime, the Prayer Book highlights four feasts of the church that are especially appropriate: the Easter Vigil, the Day of Pentecost, the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord, and All Saints’ Day. **This year, we will celebrate All Saints’ Sunday on November 6th with several baptisms already planned for that day at St. Mary’s!**



Fittingly, after church that day, en lieu of Christian Formation classes, there will be a wonderful **Baptismal Reception in Moseley Hall** to celebrate our common lives together in Christ and welcome the newly baptized into the Family of God. These would be fine occasions for every member of the St. Mary’s Church Family to **extend a personal invitation to a friend or neighbor**, especially one who doesn’t have a church home, to come to St. Mary’s and celebrate God’s offer of adoption for us all.

Later in the afternoon (5:00 p.m.) we will gather for our traditional **All Saints’ Evensong** where we will light a candle for members of our church family who have died during the past year and remember those whose cremains have been interred in the St. Francis Garden. Please invite your friends to join us in remembering departed loved ones.

# Christian Formation



The book called *The Story* is a best-selling abridged chronological Bible. There are no verse references in the text, and the segments of scripture are woven together with transition text written to connect the storyline so it reads like a seamless story. For people new to the Bible, this way of reading scripture will offer a narrative style that is more familiar to modern readers and it provides a holistic and sequential picture of the storyline of scripture. For seasoned Bible veterans, the chronological arrangement of the highlighted texts make it easy to see how whole Biblical story unfolded over time and fits together in a single grand narrative. Reading through *The Story* triggers interest and understanding, and drives people back to the original Bible texts for further exploration.

You will find a list of all the passages included in each chapter of *The Story* on the “Chart of References” pages in the back of the book. Additional versions of the list are provided in the “Online Resource Library”. One of the most common requests of people is for footnoted references or an indication of the scripture references somewhere within each chapter. In order to preserve the story-like reading of the passages, the scripture references are intentionally not provided with the text. Without the standard points of reference and biblical structures, readers of *The Story* are likely to experience new discoveries within familiar passages, and that is one of the main purposes of this book.

On Sunday, October 2nd, we will pick up where we left off last Spring with Chapter 18. All are welcome to join in, even if you missed last year. As with last year, one copy of *The Story* and *The Participant's Guide* are offered free to each participating household. The books are on a table in the Narthex. To keep track of the books we ask that you write your family's name on the sheet next to the books. If you would like to purchase your own private copy, the cost is \$16 for both books.

We look forward to your participation in this learning experience. May *The Story*, become part of your story.



## Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

The Diocese of East Carolina offers workshops to engage persons in dialogue about racism and other 'isms' that hinder our unity as the body of Christ. These workshops offer an opportunity to make a connection between our baptism and our call to mission as sisters and brothers in Christ. **The workshop that had been scheduled for October 8 at the Diocesan House right here in Kinston is postponed until October 22 due to Hurricane Matthew. Please also consider attending the October 15 convening at St. Francis by the Sea (Salter Path).** To learn more or register, contact Wesley Rhodes at the Diocesan House by calling 252-522-0885 or emailing [wrhodes@diocese-eastcarolina.org](mailto:wrhodes@diocese-eastcarolina.org).



All men are invited to Moseley Hall on Wednesday morning's for coffee, biscuits, fellowship, prayer and Bible study. We meet at 6:45 am. We would love for you to be there!



# Youth Community News

## Mark Your Calendars!!

**Oct 2 - Sunday Funday!**

**Community Clean-up  
for Ironclad Race  
(11:15-Noon)**

**Oct 5 - Sigma Pi Epsilon  
(see right side of page)**

**Oct 9 - Sunday Funday!  
Common Ground  
(11:15-Noon)**

**Oct 12 - Sigma Pi Epsilon**

**Oct 16 - Sunday Funday!  
Mass on the Grass, Pot-  
Luck, & Hymn Sing (see  
Pg. 4)**

**Oct 19 - Sigma Pi Epsilon**

**Oct 21**

**Jr. EYC Narnia play @  
ECU**

**Oct 21-23**

**Sr. High - Happening  
#68 @ Trinity Center**

**Oct 23 - Sunday Funday!  
EYC Brunch (11:15-  
1pm)**

**Oct 26 - Sigma Pi Epsilon**

**Oct 30 - Sunday Funday!  
Halloween Carnival**

## Do you 242???

At our kick-off party, many of the EYC members memorized Acts 2:42. It tells us how some of the earliest Christians lived. In particular, "They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers." No one is born knowing automatically how to be a Christian. We practice our faith, grow in it, and learn about being a disciple throughout our lives. This verse describes is how all Christians engage in the life of faith. So Acts 2:42 is the model after which this year's EYC programming has been formed including elements of teaching (study!), fellowship, breaking of bread (eat!), and prayers (pray!). If you haven't seen it already, [visit www.stmaryskinston.com/learn/youth](http://www.stmaryskinston.com/learn/youth) to view or download the full calendar for this Fall and make plans to join the rest of your EYC as we 242!

Yours in Christ,  
Tom+

**ΣΠΕ**  
*Study Pray Eat*  
**Every Wednesday\***

**Homework  
HANGOUT**

**Study: 3pm-5:30pm  
in the Youth Room**

**ask & COMPLINE**

**Study&Pray: 5:30pm - 6:15pm  
at the Assistant Rectory**

**Wednesday Night  
DINNER**

**Eat: 6:15 Supper in Moseley Hall**

## EYC Sabbath - River Trip

On the 7th day of the Creation Story in Genesis 1, God 'rested' and enjoyed all of the things that had been made. Traditionally, Saturday has been the day of rest for followers of God. For Christians especially, it's a day to enjoy God's creation and to prepare spiritually for their offering of praise and thanksgiving the following day on Sunday.

On **Saturday, November 12**, the EYC is invited to spend time enjoying God's creation and fellowship with each other on a trip to the Anderson/Albritton family river home. The [community covenant](#) and [medical form](#), both found at the Youth page of the church website (noted above) are **due to Fr. Tom on Sunday, November 6**.



Just for Jr. EYC!!!!

Check the EYC News emails for more info!

A Youth Event in the Diocese of East Carolina Sponsored by the EYC  
**WALK IN LOVE**  
**FALL CONFERENCE**  
FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS IN 6TH - 8TH GRADES  
Friday, November 18 - Sunday, November 20 @ Trinity Center

## Other News



### THE NEXT BLOOD DRIVES AT ST. MARY'S ARE:

**Thursday, October 27; 2-6pm**

**Tuesday, December 29; 2-6pm**

Walk ins welcome or reservations may be made at the [Red Cross website](#). If you are able and willing to be a blood donor or are interested in helping to provide hospitality to donors during the blood drives, please contact the parish office!



### Service at St. Barnabas Church

A service from the *1928 Book of Common Prayer* will be held Saturday, October 29th, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Church in Snow Hill. Father Tom will preach and celebrate the Eucharist and George Mewborn (Snow Hill) will play the organ.

Stay for a covered-dish potluck lunch at Frank and Sandra Warren's home (106 W. Greene Street). Call 747-3529 for directions. Hope to see you there!

### BAPTISMAL MINISTRY

St. Mary's has been blessed for many years by the intentional ministry of Becky Darst in preparing and shepherding St. Mary's families with children who will be baptized in the church. If you have received reading material about baptism, been given a baptismal partner, or received a beautiful Baptismal Towel, Becky has likely had a hand in it! She has recently been helped by Anne Lindley, Brenda Jones, and Linda Clark in making the towels. If you would like to join Becky in any part of this ministry, please contact her at [rcdarst@suddenlink.net](mailto:rcdarst@suddenlink.net). **THANK YOU BECKY!!**

### Pastoral News

**WE OFFER SYMPATHY TO:** Dennis Tracz and Elizabeth Maxwell after Elizabeth's mother, Ginny Maxwell died on September 4.

Josh and Jean Marie Wade after Jean-Marie's mother, Janet died on September 10.

Margot and Robert Bryan after Margot's father, Jerry Pickrel, died on September 22.

**WE OFFER THANKSGIVING** for the birth of Leah Rose Edwards born on August 24th. Leah Rose is the daughter of Dacie and Jess Edwards.

**WE CELEBRATE** with the Wentz family as Ashley Wentz and Ana Hidalgo were married on September 26.

### The Warren Family Has Moved

This summer, Fr. Tom and his family moved into the new Assistant Rectory, now owned by the Church. Their new address is 1102 Rhem Street; Kinston, NC 28501.

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### *Wednesday Nights* *At St. Mary's!*

*Wednesday Parish Family Nights are Back! Bible Studies for adults, high schoolers, and middle schoolers AND an Elementary EYC group all meet at 5:30. St. Cecilia's choir is at 5:45. Dinner follows at 6:15 p.m. and is a delightful occasion for parish fellowship, sometimes including a fun activity... and you leave the cooking to us!*

*Each week a signup sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex listing the week's dinner.*

***Those planning to attend must sign up prior to noon on Tuesday.***

*The cost of the meal is \$8 for adults (10 and older), \$6.00 for children under 10, and no more than \$25 for a family of 2 adults and children under 10.*

*Join your parish family on Wednesday evenings, and leave dinner to us!*

### **SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

11:15 a.m. – Sunday School

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

### **ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2016

Stephen B. Hill

Isaac C. Hines

Barbara A. LaRoque

Kevin M. Zoltek

2017

H. Earl Harper

J. Mark Herring

John K. John

John "Sandy" Shimer, Jr.

2018

P.C. Barwick, Jr.

Clifton W. Carey

Rebecca "Becky" C. Darst

Milton D. "Dee" Warner

Senior Warden – P.C. Barwick, Jr.

Junior Warden – J. Mark Herring

Clerk – Becky Darst

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