



June & July 2019

St. Mary's Episcopal Church:

Serving with JOY!

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

St. Mary's Summer Ministries

Mark these summer highlights on your calendar!

- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** June 10-14
- **ERASING THE LINES** June 16-20
- **MISSION TRIP TO THE DR** July 6-13
- **MISSION TRIP TO GLORY RIDGE** July 28-August 3
- **BLOCK PARTY** August 7

Read on for more exciting information about these and other happenings!!!

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

815 2nd Avenue

New York, N.Y. 10017 212-716-6000

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

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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
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey
Sr. Warden	Mr. Jon Sargeant
Jr. Warden	Mr. Walter R. Poole

News at St. Mary's



"Lemonade on the Lawn"

One of the joys of our summertime gatherings is sharing light refreshments after church. Lemonade on the Lawn provides a relaxed, refreshing, and delicious time to catch up with each other after our 10:30am liturgy and share life together before the rest of the week begins. Lemonade on the Lawn began Sunday, May 26th, and will continue through the summer.

Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments. Hosts are asked to provide lemonade and something light to eat. A host sign-up sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Paper products will be provided in the "Lemonade on the Lawn" bin in the Bookstore.

Barbara Glen will be coordinating this ministry. Should you have any questions, please email her at iugirl1@yahoo.com.



**American
Red Cross**

St. Mary's Summer Blood Drive Monday, June 24

Noon - 4 pm

Walk ins are always welcome, but appointments will be honored first. Make your reservations online at www.redcrossblood.org. Thank you!

From the Parish Register

Marriage of Dick Maddux and Janet Edwards

May 9, 2019

Marriage of Zack Whitfield and Stacie Wiggins

May 18, 2019

Burial of Jan Adams

May 21, 2019



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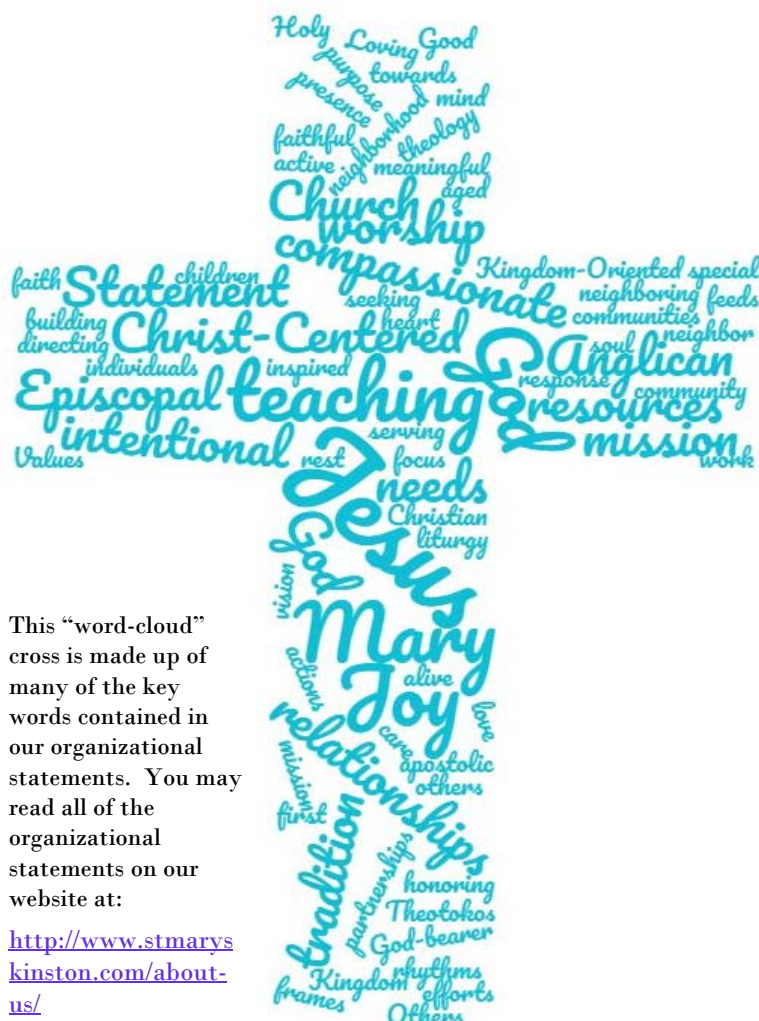


TAKE YOUR SCHEDULE WITH YOU THIS SUMMER

Access your service schedule anywhere you go this summer with Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP). This wonderful ministry tool helps you remember your scheduled service times, makes it easy to request and accept substitution needs, and ensures that all ministries at St. Mary's are covered! Contact Gerry Fox at gfoxjr@gmail.com with any questions.

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 hear God calling us into JOY-ful service in this time. In this edition, we look at the Mission Statement...



The MISSION of St. Mary's Episcopal Church is to bear God's Good News through joyful worship, Christ-centered teaching, compassionate care, and intentional relationships.

The Bible narrative describes Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus, as a woman of astounding faith. In the most remarkable of circumstances, Mary trusted God's invitation to play an incredibly significant role in His grace-filled response of salvation to the world's sinful condition. Indeed, her son was the fully human and fully divine savior and redeemer of creation. Because of this, generations have come to refer to Mary as "God-bearer." Likewise, all followers of Jesus are called into a life of *bearing* the gift of the Gospel - the Good News of Jesus - to every part of life and the world in which they find themselves. This part of the tradition of Mary's story was surely not lost on the Christians in Kinston & Lenoir County who discerned that this community of Jesus-followers would be named after her. They must have asked in their prayers "how are we to *bear* this Gospel to the world around us today?" This is our prayer today as well.

In this new season of ministry, St. Mary's Episcopal Church has taken up the fresh task of renewing its sense of mission and identity, something that every organization must do on occasion to ensure faithfulness to its reasons for being. *Bearing* the Gospel through liturgy, teaching, compassionate care, and relationships are the essential parts of where we will be focusing our efforts and resources. It is exciting to consider the concrete/detailed ways in which this mission will be made real through the Long Range Planning process!

I wonder, in what ways are you being called to *bear* the Gospel of Jesus in your life? I'd love to hear about what this looks like for you. I'd also love to know how St. Mary's is, and can be, a support to the ministry to which you are called by God.

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Long Range Planning at St. Mary's

In late 2018, the Vestry commissioned a Long Range Planning Committee to recommend our future priorities as a church and neighborhood parish based on these organizational statements and in consultation with the Rector. In May, the Vestry was encouraged by the update that was given from this committee and we look forward to sharing more about this great work. 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)

Pentecost Sunday at St. Mary's

Pentecost is a Principle Feast Day of the church calendar, celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter. While there is an ancient Jewish holiday of the same name, for Christians Pentecost commemorates the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem observing the Jewish custom. Because the



Holy Spirit has inspired the spread of the Good News of Jesus to the world, Pentecost is often understood to be the birthday of the Church. Happy Birthday!!!



This year, Pentecost is June 9 and we are glad to welcome The Burlington Boys Choir during our 10:30am liturgy. The Choir will provide musical offerings during the prelude, Communion, and postlude. Please note that we will have a special loose plate “love offering” for this group of young men and their ministry, so please be generous in your support!



From the early days of the faith, Pentecost became one of the days set aside to celebrate baptisms. 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. In the Episcopal Church, Pentecost remains one of the days that is “especially appropriate” for baptism, recognizing of course that any time the faithful can gather for this occasion is reason to celebrate. We are thrilled that two baptisms are being planned for the coming weeks: Ella Gilmore (granddaughter of Sam & Kathy) on Pentecost Sunday, and Dorothy Kelley (daughter of Ryan & Mary Kelley) on June 23. Please keep these children and families in your prayers, and plan to be present in body and spirit as we welcome the newest members into God's family!

Worship

MUSIC MINISTRY



Thank you to our music ministry members, volunteers, and parents!!! Your musical gifts have enhanced our worship time together and have been such a blessing throughout the year. We are grateful for your ministry at St. Mary's and look forward to reuniting in the fall. You will receive an email of updates and schedules as we approach Labor Day.

CHANCEL CHOIR: Jay Barker, Eleanor and Charles Beasley, Anne Cooper, Susan Fox, Sam Gilmore, Ike Hines, Bonnie Holton, Kathy Hyler, Seraphim Smith, Lorraine and Bryan Spader, Phil Veitch, and Clay Whittington

CHORISTERS: Robert Beck III, Ty Wentz, Morgan Wade

TRAINING CHORISTERS: Jude Warren, Kailea Davis, Elliana Becceril, Lana Becceril, Stella Posey Robertson; Elizabeth Maxwell for her leadership of the Training Choristers

ST. CECILIA SINGERS: Leah Edwards, Colin Wade; Robert Veitch for his assistance with St. Cecilia Singers

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Ily Sarasohn (flute), Vicki Kennedy (violin), Rebecca Brown (flute), Choe Albritton (violin)

Sing Out My Soul!

We want to know . . . *What are your favorite hymns?* In the upcoming weeks, you will notice a tear-off portion at the bottom of the bulletin announcements asking for your favorite hymns. Simply write them down and place in the collection plate, or email Sharon Veitch, our Minister of Music, at sveitch@stmaryskinsto.com. We will be singing member favorites this summer for the Offertory Hymn!

Invitation to Morning Prayer

As the hustle and bustle of the year turns into the relaxing days of summer, we invite you to make a practice of Morning Prayer. This is a wonderful time of calm, peaceful reflection and prayers. What a way to start your day! Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30am in the Chapel!

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

A service from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer will be held on Saturday, June 15th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Barnabas Church in Snow Hill. Father Tom will preach and celebrate the Eucharist. Be sure to join us for this special day!



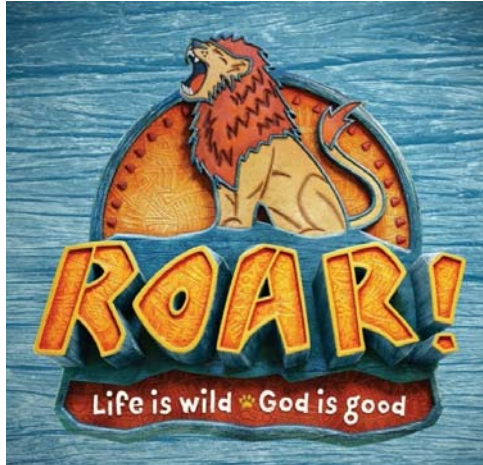
Episcopal Church Women



The ECW would like to express our appreciation for your involvement with recent activities! First, thank you to each person who helped to prepare food/punch, set up, serve, and clean up for the wonderful 131st Annual ECW Meeting of the East Carolina Diocese. It was a very special day for the women of St. Mary's, and your help was appreciated! We also want to give thanks to everyone who participated in our recent

"Make Work Worship" event. It was a productive evening full of fellowship and mission work to benefit our outreach programs, and we are so grateful for your giving hands and hearts! As we approach the summer months, look for information to come via email regarding a casual ECW gathering in July! We hope you will be able to join us!!!

Christian Formation



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be here soon!

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

is the host church for this VBS that is also sponsored by St. Gordon Street Christian Church & First Presbyterian Church.

The dates will be **Monday June 10-Thursday, June 14**

9am until Noon

Registration for participants and volunteers is now live at

www.vbspro.events/p/8755a2

For more information, call 252-526-6146 or

contact Heather Wentz at hawentz@msn.com or

Whitney Grady at whitneygrady@aol.com

CALL FOR DECORATIONS & VOLUNTEERS!!! We need jungle-related items ~ sheets, stuffed animals, large plants, etc. ~ to help us decorate Moseley Hall! Please drop off your items on the stage by June 7th, and we will return them to you at the end of VBS. We need volunteers to help decorate -- many hands make light work!

VOLUNTEER TRAINING! Be sure to attend training on June 9th at 5pm. Pizza will be provided!!!

CONGRATULATIONS to those who have been formed in the Christian faith at St. Mary's as they celebrate graduation milestones in their academic careers! We celebrate all the ways that God has blessed this community and beyond through the gifts, generosity, and accomplishments of these young people as they graduate from high school and institutions of higher learning.

ARENDELL PARROTT ACADEMY

Will Connolly (North Carolina State University)

Ava Haddad (North Carolina State University)

Anne Grayson Lindley (East Carolina University)

Ellie Wooten (East Carolina University)

KINSTON HIGH SCHOOL

Levi Wentz (United States Army)

NORTH LENOIR HIGH SCHOOL

Matthew Glen (North Carolina State University)

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR**

Melissa Glen - Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications with a Concentration in Journalism and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science



LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Matthew Glen - Associate Degree in Science, transferring to North Carolina State University

LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Lenzi Moore - Master's Degree in Business Finance

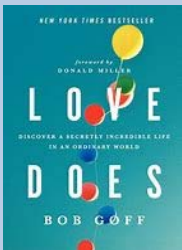
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Sydney Vick - Bachelor of Science Degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Now that the program year for 2018-2019 is complete, EYC summer plans can begin! See events listed below AND stay tuned for details of mid-week happenings which will include fun, fellowship, and service!



The 3rd annual summer book study for girls, led by Holly Warren, will commence in July. Also, the EYC Guys will meet Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-4:45pm each week beginning June 12.

- Sunday, June 9; 5pm
VBS Volunteer Meeting & Set Up
- Mon-Thu, Jun 10-14, 9am-noon
Vacation Bible School
Jr./Sr. EYC volunteers needed
- Sun-Thurs, Jun 16-20
Erasing the Lines
- Sunday, June 30
DR Mission Team Commissioning
- July 6-13
Dominican Republic Mission Trip!!!
- Sunday, July 21, 2-3:30pm
Glory Ridge Team Meeting & Skills Workshop
- July 28 – August 3
Glory Ridge Mission Trip!!!
- Wednesday, August 7
Block Party

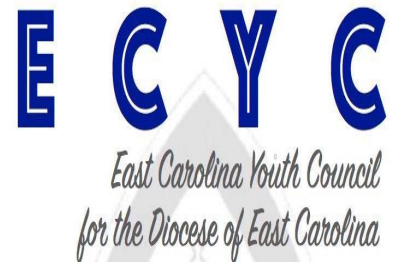


Congratulations to our own Anna Haddad who has been accepted to



serve as a member of the Diocese of East Carolina's ECYC!! Anna joins Rebecca

Brown as members of St. Mary's who serve with other young people from this diocese in the visioning, planning, and development of youth ministry programs and resources. Well done!!



Next Year Will Be Here Before You Know It! Save the Dates for:

yOUTHREACH 2019
Saturday, September 21 - Location TBA

HAPPENING #74
9-12th Graders
October 18-20, 2019 @ Trinity Center
Team & Candidate Forms can already be found
[at the Diocesan Website!](#)

FALL CONFERENCE for Middle Schoolers
November 15-17, 2019 @ Trinity Center
Team & Candidate Forms will be available later this summer



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

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

Rountree Street will be blocked off between Bond and Rhem, while we listen to live music, share food and fellowship with our neighbors, and provide fun and games for the kids.

Please plan to attend!
 Invite a friend!

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 1st 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

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 – Becky Darst

Treasurer – Stuart Lindley

RECTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays: 9am-noon

Wednesdays: 9am-Noon

Thursdays: 2pm-4:30pm

Fridays: 9am-Noon

*other times by appointment