



November, 2015

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

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MARY'S MARKET 2015

FEATURING BULB SALE, \$500 RAFFLE,
& BAKE/FROZEN FOOD SALE

Monday, November 23rd

Eat In or
Take Out

\$10.00 Adult
\$5.00 Children
(10 and under)

*RAISING FUNDS FOR
IN-REACH & OUTREACH
PROJECTS*

Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

\$500 CASH RAFFLE \$500



Pre-Market Cooking Workshops

Sundays from 12:15 - 2:15 p.m. (Nov. 1, 8 and 15)

Church Kitchen - Help prepare for the sale!

Everyone is welcome.

Monetary donations are always welcome to help pay for ingredients if you are unavailable to participate or prepare items for Mary's Market.

Bring your friends on Monday, November 23rd.

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 2 million members in 118
dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

Established in 1788.

Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000
communicants in 69 churches.

Founded in 1883.

Bishop

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 397 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 A. Michael Singer
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Parish Administrator	Mrs. Latonya Smith
Parish Secretary	Mrs. Linda Johnson
Director of Children's Ministries	
	Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough
Sr. Warden	Mr. W. Scott Newton, II.
Jr. Warden	Mr. J. Mark Herring

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

St. Mary's Vestry has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on **Consecration Sunday, November 8, 2015**, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Senior Warden,

Scott Newton

From the Rector - Father Michael Singer

Guest preacher on Sunday, November 8th

The Rev. Julian Pridgen Sr., is Pastor of St. Augustus AME Zion Church, in Kinston. Pastor Pridgen will be our guest preacher on Consecration Sunday, November 8th.



Pastor Pridgen is from Whiteville, NC. After graduating from Whiteville High School, Julian joined the United States Marine Corps and remained on active duty until retirement.

As for his ministry life,

Pastor Pridgen has been a licensed preacher in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church since 1992 and has served churches in Memphis, TN; Mississippi; Sneads Ferry, NC; and currently St. Augustus here in Kinston. Pridgen is also an employee of Duke University, Durham, NC, where he serves as a Ministry Coordinator for the Duke Youth Academy.

Pastor Pridgen is married to Mrs. Deborah Register Pridgen and their union has produced two fascinating and gifted children: Julian II and Christian Pridgen.

Please note: On Sunday, November 8th, there will be one service only at 10:00 a.m. Following the service, dinner will be in Moseley Hall. Sandy Jones of Na Na's Catering will provide the meal. The meal will be an opportunity for fellowship. There will be no speakers. We hope all members of St. Mary's and their families will attend on this important day. Pastor Pridgen will be our guest preacher for *Consecration Sunday*. Plan to join us.

Foster Children's Christmas

For more than 30 years the Episcopal Church Women of St. Mary's have purchased Christmas gifts for the children in Foster Care in Lenoir County. On November 3rd, the names of children will go up on the bulletin board by the nursery. Please select a name from the board and brighten the Christmas for a child in Foster care.



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Advent Quiet Day

On Saturday, December 5th, St. Mary's welcomes The Rev. Mary Ogus for an Advent Quiet Day entitled, *Prepare the Way of the Lord*.

The day will begin at 8:45 a.m. with refreshments and coffee in Moseley Hall. The quiet day will start at 9:00 a.m. in the chapel and conclude at 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Ogus will offer a series of meditations dealing with the topic of deepening an appreciation of the mystery of the incarnation.



We know this may be a very busy time of year for many people. It is important that we make time out of our busy schedules to listen for God and to ponder the events of the Advent season. Invite your friends to join us. Child care will be provided.

Worship

The Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival 2016

In January we will hold our 27th Annual Boar's Head and Yule Log festival on Sunday, January 10th, at our traditional 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. times. A banquet will follow the 5:00 p.m. performance. Tickets for the banquet are \$30 per person. Tickets will go on sale Monday, November 2nd.

We would also like to thank some new volunteers who have accepted leadership positions. Most notably, we would like to thank Frances Herring for taking over the role of The Keeper of the Time. Glenn Potter had previously served in that role for many years and expertly tutored Frances during last year's Boar's Head. We would like to thank Susan Hines for leading our casting this year, assisted by Holly Warren and others.

Yule Sprite

Every year, a special second grade girl is cast for the part of the Yule Sprite of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival. In order to be eligible, that second grade girl must be a member of St. Mary's Church and have been a part of the festival for two years. Girls interested in the position are asked to notify our Parish Secretary, Linda Johnson, by Sunday, November 29, 2015. The names of those interested will be placed in a hat and the name of the Yule Sprite will be drawn from the hat at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, December 6.

Costume Fittings

We encourage everyone to see Marion Classen in the Boar's Head closet to be fitted for your costume, regardless of how many years you may have participated.

Currently, our fitting dates and times are as follows:
Sunday, November 15th: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 18th: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 2nd: 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 6th: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Advent wreath making

Plan to join us for an intergenerational Advent wreath making session on Sunday, November 29, at 11:15 am in Moseley Hall.

No prior experience is necessary. An Advent devotional booklet will be made available for you and your family to use during this season of preparation.



Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Church a family celebration

St. Mary's Church will celebrate the Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, November 25th, with our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your family and friends as we celebrate Thanksgiving as a parish family.

On this night and on Sunday, November 22nd, two special offerings will be taken. There will be a collection of



nonperishable food items for Mary's Kitchen and as is the tradition of Episcopal Churches in North Carolina, a special offering will be taken for Thompson Child & Family Focus. Thompson Child and Family Focus provides residential treatment facilities for adolescents throughout North Carolina.

The offices of St. Mary's Church will be closed November 26th - 29th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Lenoir County Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 22, 2015

4:00 p.m. at
First Presbyterian Church
2101 N. Herritage Street, Kinston

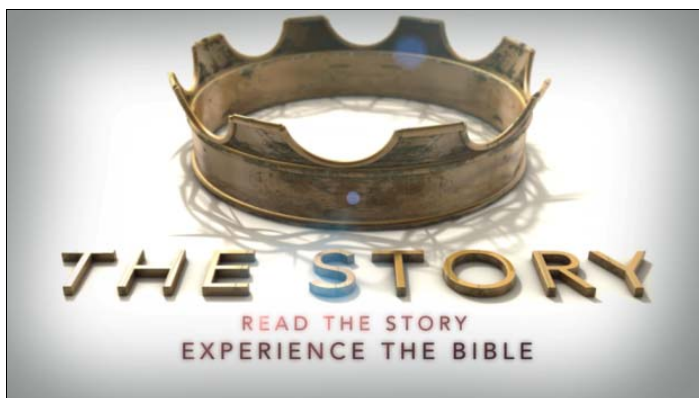
An offering for InterChurchOutReach (ICOR), our ministry of emergency assistance, will be received during the service.

To sing with a combined choir, please arrive by 3:30 p.m. - no robe or special dress needed.

A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service. Each congregation should bring reception "finger food" to share. Please drop off food in the Fellowship Hall before the service.

This Community Service is sponsored by Lenoir County Association of Congregations.

Christian Formation



We continue our study of *The Story* on Sunday mornings at 11:15 a.m. in Moseley Hall on the days we have class. The adult class will continue of study of God's story . . . our story.

November 2nd - Reception in Moseley Hall following a baptism

November 8th - Consecration Sunday - prepared dinner for church

November 15th - *The Story* - Chapter 3 - "Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh"

November 22nd - Preparations underway for "Mary's Market" - no adult class this day

November 29th - Intergenerational activity - Advent wreath making

"An Introduction to Islam" "What It Is Like to Be Muslim in America"



Our friends at Gordon Street Christian Church invite you to *The Fourth Annual Community Lecture*, on Sunday,

November 8, 2015. The lectures are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. A light reception will be held in between lectures.

Imam Khalid Griggs, Associate Chaplain for Muslim Life at Wake Forest University, will be the guest speaker.

Gordon Street Christian Church is located at 118 East Gordon Street, Kinston. For more information you may contact the church at 252-523-4143.

Celebrate the 3 Scary, Holy, and Sad Days of our Faith

Most everyone is familiar with Halloween, but does your family celebrate its Christian roots? Try these easy activities to bring significance this year:



October 31 (Halloween) - Whether you're trick or treating or handing out treats this night, it's helpful to know that the idea of wearing scary costumes comes from the fact that the word "Halloween" is a variation of "All Hallow's Eve" which means the evening before the Feast of All Saints - this day celebrates those who are remembered as holy people. Dress up if you like and talk about how sometimes it can be 'scary' to be a holy person because you might be called upon to do courageous things.

November 1 (All Saints Day) - Check to see if you share a name with a saint and read about him/her, or pick the name of a saint that you're interested in and read about his/her life. What made them special? What challenges did they face? How are you similar/different from this saint?

November 2 (All Souls Day) - This day celebrates ALL the faithful departed. Make a list of your deceased relatives and close friends. Remember how precious each person is to you. Was there an element of faith that these people passed on to you? If possible, visit their graves. If this isn't possible, go to a cemetery anyway and pray at the grave of any unknown person. They can remind you of your loved one. Besides, everyone deserves to be remembered, for everyone is known by God.

(Visit vibrantfaithathome.org for more ideas!)

Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, Nov. 1, 11am-noon

Baptismal Celebration!

Wed, Nov. 4, 5:30-6:15pm

EYC Bible Study Groups

Sunday, Nov. 8, 11am-noon

Consecration Sunday Banquet

*COMPLINE UNDER THE
STARS @ 6:15-7:15pm*

Wed, Nov. 11, 5:30-6:15pm

EYC Bible Study Groups

Nov. 13-15

*Fall Conference—Middle School
Diocesan Event @ Trinity Center*

Sunday, Nov. 15, 11am-1pm

EYC Sunday Brunch

*Jr. & Sr. EYC meets during
Christian Formation hour to
prepare brunch for the whole
church to be served after classes.*

Wed, Nov. 18, 5:30-6:15pm

EYC Bible Study Groups

Sunday, Nov. 22, 11am-1pm

Morning EYC meets!

Wed, Nov. 25, 8am-noon

EYC Local Mission: Mary's Kitchen

Thanksgiving Eve Liturgy @ 7pm

Sunday, Nov. 29, 11am-1pm

Advent Wreath Making!



I was looking through some pictures of our EYC over the years and noticed some things. First, **some people seem to show up nearly every time**: this EYC is blessed to have members, young and old, who are committed to the community and meet God through spending time in it. Second, **the youth grow up**: of course we all get older day by day (!), but the young people visibly change before our eyes, blooming into not-so-young people - each day is a miracle. Third, **the Gospel is preached**: by action and in word, the Good News that Jesus is present in this world is spread through the Mission, Meals, Bible Study, and Prayers of this group. Praise God for using the EYC at St. Mary's to help shape & form young people & all into the disciples that Jesus is calling each one of us to be!

Fr. Tom+



Other news

From the Parish Register

Baptisms: Mason James MacRae Warren
September 20, 2015

Adam Thomas Saville
October 12, 2015

Marriages: Rita Carey Eastlack
and
William Jay Derby, Jr.
October 17, 2015

Anna Catherine Kennedy
and
George Purvis Walters
October 17, 2015

“Compline Under the Stars”

Compline is the final church service of the day in the Christian tradition. The English word Compline is derived from the Latin *completorium*, as Compline is to be said at the completion of the day's work. It is a brief service that emphasizes spiritual peace before going to bed.



We at St. Mary's will be holding “Compline Under the Stars” at 6:15 p.m. on Sunday, November 8th. The service will be held outside, on the parish property next to the Chapel, on the west side of the church. This is a brief but lovely service the church offers. You may stand, bring a lawn chair or a blanket to sit on.

There will be fire pits around our worship gathering and we'll worship holding candles. *(If you have a portable fire pit we can borrow for this service, please contact Father Michael.)*

Following Compline, everyone will have an opportunity to roast marshmallows and make s'mores. We'll provide the marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars. There will be homemade hot chocolate and coffee to drink.

If you want to bring something, bring a long stick on which to roast marshmallows . . . also, bring your family and friends.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting of St. Mary's Church will be Sunday, December 6th at 11:15 a.m. At that time we will hear various reports of the parish, elect four members to the Vestry and elect three delegates to Diocesan Convention.

Pastoral news

Births: I ask your thanksgiving for the birth of
Lena Jane Walter
to
Mary and Stephen Walter
on October 8, 2015
Proud grandmother is Jane Walter

I ask your thanksgiving for the birth of
Kuzey Carson Atilla
to
Aydin and Tracy Atilla
on October 10, 2015
Proud grandparents are Jerry and Susan Fox

Weddings:

We offer congratulations on the marriage of
Courtney M. Mitchell, IV to Kendall Ann Powers
September 19, 2015
Proud parents are Court and Cheryl Mitchell

We offer congratulations on the marriage of
G. Randolph (Ryan) Kelley, III to
October 10, 2015
Proud parents are Randy and Molly Kelley

We offer congratulations on marriage of
John Shimer, III to Kristen Erinn Lindsey
October 31, 2015
Proud parents are Sandy and Jessica Shimer

Gluten allergies and sensitivities

We realize that some people have a sensitivity or who are allergic to gluten. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer at the communion, please contact the parish office and leave your name.

At the time of Communion, the clergy will do their best to remember you at the altar rail.

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UTO Fall Ingathering

Through the United Thank Offering (UTO) men, women, and children acquire the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings along with our brothers and sisters in Christ. The



combined gifts from UTO address compelling human need through grants to projects that help alleviate pov-

erty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. Your prayers and gifts bring about great changes in the lives of brothers and sisters in Christ.

St. Mary's will participate in the 2015 Fall UTO Ingathering at morning services on Sunday, November 1st. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's and in the memo portion of your check write, UTO.

Cherished Member's Luncheon

Remember to mark your calendar for November 5th, at 11:30 a.m., as that date marks November's Cherished Members and Friends Luncheon for the beloved in our community of retirement age. Please feel free to invite a friend. A sign-up sheet may be found in the Narthex or simply call the secretary at 523-6146 to sign up.

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

2015	2016	2017
W. Scott Newton, II	Stephen B. Hill	H. Earl Harper
Cyndi L. Rafferty	Isaac C. Hines	J. Mark Herring
Joseph V. Stark	Barbara A. LaRoque	John John
Stuart L. Stroud	Kevin M. Zoltek	John "Sandy" Shimer, Jr.
	Senior Warden – W. Scott Newton, II	
	Junior Warden – J. Mark Herring	
	Clerk – Cyndi Rafferty	
	Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley	