November, 2019



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

The Bell Ringer Online at www.stmaryskinston.com



It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night.

Psalm 92:1-2

From the Rector

Each of the 12 elements of our organizational statements are being 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 look at the 4th part of 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.stmaryskinsto n.com/about-us/

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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

Members
Stephen Mazingo,
Chair
Jon Sargeant
(Sr. Warden)
Walter Poole
(Jr. Warden)
Jess Edwards &
Jo Parrott
(Vestry Class of 2020)
Outdoor Task Group
Walter Poole, Chair
Indoor Task Group
Skip Greene, Chair

"There's no 'I' in team."

-Every kids' sports team coach, ever

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

-Helen Keller

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"

-Psalm 133:1

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Human beings simply were not made to be in isolation. We are wired for friendship and relationship. We yearn for fulfillment, belonging, and purpose within a family (church, biological, etc). Followers of Jesus learn that "The Way" He invites us into is marked with service with and to others in God's name. Even the "Desert Fathers & Mothers" (Christians who went into the wilderness to live and pray in isolation) valued the virtues of hospitality to visitors as central to their understanding of Christian ministry. Even at the root of what Christianity understands about God, you find community in the Trinity.

As a community of believers, St. Mary's holds up the truth that we are not meant to be alone or insular in our ways of proclaiming and sharing the Good News We are part of a diocese, of Jesus. denomination, & global Anglican Communion... we are among many Christian families in Kinston... we are neighbors to other people of good will... all of whom we should seek to find ways to partner with integrity and with great joy to further God's Kingdom. May we always strive to listen for God's Holy Spirit guide us in faithful partnerships!

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

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

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.

Founded in 1883.

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Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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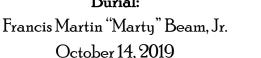
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Rector The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Sr. Warden The Hon. Jon Sargeant
Jr. Warden Mr. Walt Poole
Parish Administrator Mrs. Lori Kelly
Organist & Choirmaster Mrs. Sharon Veitch
Communications Director Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director Mr. Jim Godfrey

News at St. Mary's



From the Parish Register Burial:



Senora Wilson Lindsey Carrow October 26, 2019

Transfers In:

Mr. John McNairy & Mrs. Allie McNairy (October 14, 2019)



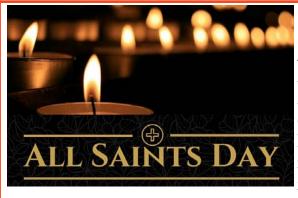


SAVE THE DATE

St. Mary's Annual Cookie Walk Saturday, December 14, 2019 11am-1pm



Worship



All Saints Sunday, November 3rd

For all the saints, who from their labors rest—Our All Saints worship is a deeply meaningful feast day. At the 10:30am liturgy, **Bennett Lewis Whitfield** (son of Rachel & Michael Whitfield and grandson of Fr. Michael & Teresa Singer) will become the newest member of the church as he is baptized into the family of God.

Later that evening, at 5pm, the choir will lead us in an All Saints' Evensong. During this service, the names of those who have been interred in the St. Francis' Garden will be named in prayer, along with the names of other loved ones who have been listed on the Roll of Remembrance. It is always a very moving time of thanking God for these lives that have touched ours and also for giving witness to Christ's resurrection.





Thanksgiving Service A Community Worship Celebration

As you prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, include the Community Thanksgiving Service in your plans. Hosted by the Association of Congregations of Lenoir County, this year's service will be held at Westminster Methodist Church on **Sunday, Nov. 24 (4pm).** Let us give thanks together as a community of believers!



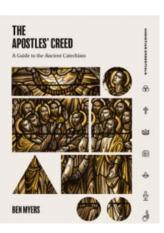


Be sure to check out the St. Mary's bookstore for Advent and Christmas resources and gifts ... Available soon!!!

Adult Christian Formation

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Adult Christian Formation Class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am following parish breakfast. The Adult Forum, led by Fr. Tom, is currently studying the book *The Apostles' Creed: A Guide to the Ancient Catechism* by Ben Myers. A free copy of the book is provided for each household. Additional copies of the book may be purchased at the discounted price of \$13 each. Christians throughout time, place, and tradition have been united by the eternal truths of the Apostles' Creed — it is the creed upon which our baptismal covenant is founded and is spoken in many of our liturgies. Join us as we explore what the Apostles' Creed teaches and why this matters to us today.



Boar's Head News

Get ready for Boar's Head 2020!

Festival Bate: Sunday, January 5, 2020 The Festival is free! Banquet Tickets on Sale now!

Choir Practice:

Sun., Nov. 10, 2-3:30pm Sun., Nov. 24, 2-3:30pm Sun., Dec. 8, 2-3:30pm Sun., Dec. 22, 2-3:30pm

Door Marshall & Reveler Meetings:

Sun., Nov. 3, 4pm Sun., Nov. 10, 4pm Tues., Nov. 19, 5:30pm

Costume Fittings:

Wed., Nov. 6, 3-7pm Wed., Nov. 13, 3-7pm Sun., Nov. 17, 11am-3pm Sun., Dec. 1, 11am-3pm Sun., Dec. 8, 11am-3pm

Dress Rehearsals:

Thurs., Jan. 2. 6-8pm Fri., Jan. 3, 6-8pm Sat., Jan. 4, 9am









Check out our great crew (left) who spread Good Cheer to all the runners at the half-marathon on October 19!!

In Other News



The Vestry election process has completed its first two phases:

- (1) compilation of eligible parishioners to serve, and
- (2) distribution of nomination forms.

We now ask that adult (16 years old and older) communicants in good standing complete their forms by nominating no more than 6 names from this list. Nomination forms may be returned to the church as a hard-copy or by email to lkelly@stmaryskinston.com. All nomination forms must be signed or otherwise clearly noting the individual who is making the nomination. All nominations must be received at the church office by 4:30pm, Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

Racial Reconciliation Dialogue

The Diocese of East Carolina's Racial Reconciliation Commission hosts gatherings of people to foster dialogue about race. These events create a space to have candid discussions about race and racism while equipping attendees to continue these discussions in the con-



texts of their parishes and ministries. The upcoming dialogue will be held at Diocesan House on Saturday, November 9th from 9am to 4pm. If you'd like to register to attend, call 252-522-0885, or click here.



Common Ground of Eastern North Carolina (807 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Kinston) will have a park clean up day on Saturday, November 23, 2019. You are invited to join in the clean up efforts of clearing brush, picking up trash, and preparing the garden for the coming season.

The needs are many and varied, and Common Ground can make use of your skill set. The best volunteer is one who's enjoying what they are doing!

For more information, visit the website for the Common Ground of Eastern North Carolina at www.commongroundenc.org.





Mark your calendars for the annual community performance of Handel's Messiah, held at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7pm. The performance will be under the direction of Dr. John O'Brien and will feature the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra.

Youth & St. Mary's



Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, November 3 10:30am All Saint's Worship 5:00pm Evensong

Wednesday, November 6 5:15pm EYC!!! 6:00pm Alpha

Sunday, November 10 10:30am Worship

Wednesday, November 13 5:15pm EYC!!! 6:00pm Alpha

Thurs-Sun, November 14-17
Fall Conference @ Trinity Ctr
6th-8th graders

Sunday, November 17 10:30am Worship

Wednesday, November 20 5:15pm EYC!!! 6:00pm Alpha

Saturday, November 23
Common Ground Clean Up

Sunday, November 24 10:30am Worship

> 4:00pm Community Thanksgiving Service

6:15pm Compline Under the Stars

Wednesday, November 27 8-Noon EYC Serves @ Mary's

Kitchen! 5:15pm EYC!!!

6:00pm Alpha

Thursday, November 28 Happy Thanksgiving!!!





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Be sure to join the EYC on its annual day-before-Thanksgiving service at Mary's Kitchen on Wednesday, November 27th from 8am-noon!!!



THANK YOU!!!

Thank you so much to the wonderful adults and youth of St. Mary's for your participation in the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat. Also, THANK YOU to Heather Wentz for coordinating the event to serve the children of the community!



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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, November 7, 2019. The luncheon gets underway at 11:30 a.m. in Moseley Hall. If you've not been before we, why wait?! It's a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a delicious meal. Those planning to attend are asked to sign up in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office by Tuesday, November 5th. The luncheons are a ministry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church Women.



SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays 8:00 am — Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 am. — Parish Breakfast
9:30 am Christian Formation for All Ages
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