



October, 2019

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:*

*Serving with JOY!*

# The Bell Ringer

Online at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)



## *We kick off October with* **Mass on the Grass!**

Mass on the Grass is an outdoor informal worship service located on the west side of the church. Music at this liturgy will be led by Barrowburn, a band based in Raleigh that specializes in Celtic folk music. Immediately following the service, we will continue our fellowship together with a pot-luck covered dish meal. Paper products and drinks will be provided, and we ask that you bring a large dish to share. Mark your calendars, invite a friend (or two!!!), and join us on **Sunday, October 6th, 10:30 am.**



## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

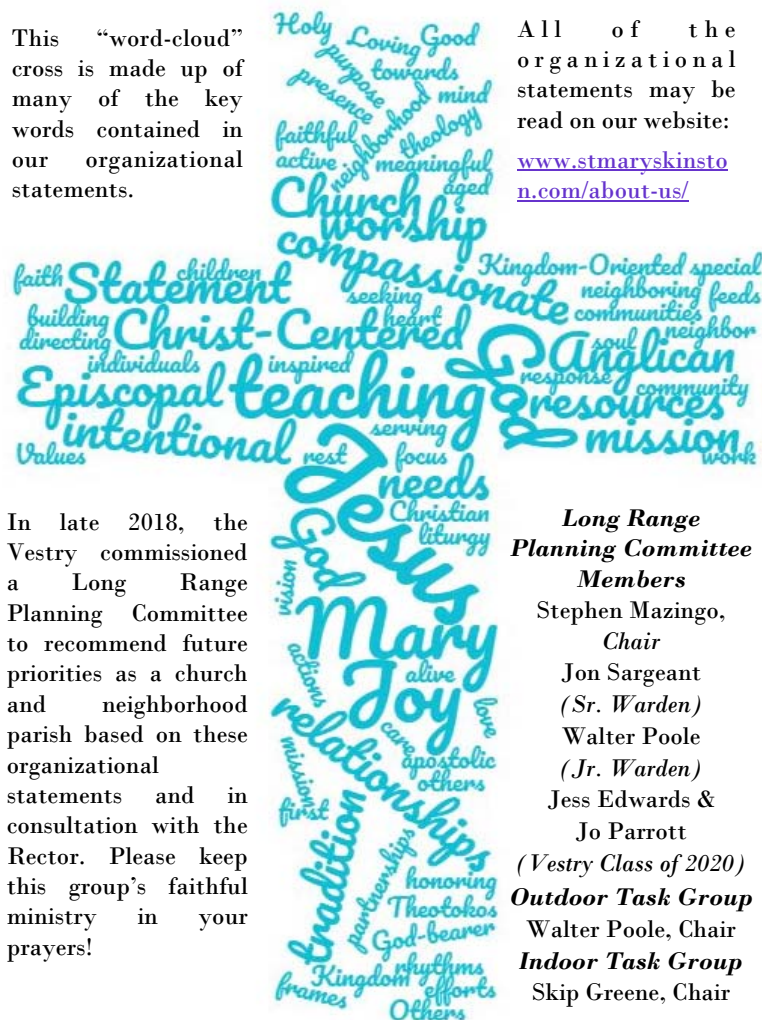
On **Sunday, October 6th, at 5pm,** ALL ANIMALS are welcome inside St. Mary's Church for the annual Blessing of the Animals liturgy!! All animals are to be accompanied by their human friends and restrained either by leash or carrier/cage. A special offering of monetary donations and pet food will be collected for the **Lenoir County SPCA.**



# 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 3rd 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.stmaryskinston.com/about-us/](http://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)

## Outdoor Task Group

Walter Poole, Chair

Indoor Task Group  
Skip Greene, Chair

## 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

Children get it. So often, I've witnessed the youngest members of our community respond to a situation with empathy. If they see a friend experiencing sadness, they'll offer a hug. If they witness a fall resulting in a bruise or scrape, they'll be the first to call for a band-aid (one with colors of course!). One thing that I can't think of right now is an example of a young child, once understanding that someone near them is in distress, not caring at all. I wonder where you have experienced compassionate response in your life.

Compassion is central to the Christian faith. Just think of the story of salvation: God is witness to humanity's distress in all of its forms, but doesn't stay far off. In the person of Jesus, God was fully present with this world, even suffering with it and redeeming it through His sacrifice and resurrection. That is *compassion*: *com* (meaning "with" or "together") and *passion* (meaning "to suffer"). Jesus modeled this through His ministry and taught that all who might follow Him would follow in His heart of compassionate love as well.

It is impossible to imagine the future of St. Mary's and what God is calling this community to be without specifically highlighting compassionate response. In particular, we have sensed a renewed interest in focus on the needs of the aged, children, and those in crisis. Of course, there is a legacy at St. Mary's of ministries to and with the aged (Cherished Members outreach), children (St. Mary's Nursery School, Hand in Hand with Northwest Elementary School), and those in crisis (Mary's Kitchen, response made possible through the Rector's Discretionary Fund, mission trips), to name a few. May God continue to bless these ministries! And may St. Mary's always seek out the fullest picture of the needs in our midst and how God would have the church respond.

Tom +

*"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." (Colossians 3:12-13)*



# 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.

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 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?"

**There will be ONE liturgy on Consecration Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 10:30am** - and during that time, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to this 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, even if they 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 preacher will include a brief period of instruction and inspiration, concluding with an opportunity for members to make their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Immediately following the liturgy, we will gather for a Celebration Banquet in Moseley Hall as an act of thanksgiving for God's blessings and looking forward to God's work in, among, and through us as a church family. **Because this is a catered meal, please respond in a timely manner to the invitations you will have received.**

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Senior Warden,

Jon Sargeant



## 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.

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Presiding Bishop

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Yourself Last"

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Organist & Choirmaster	Mrs. Sharon Veitch
Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	Mr. Jim Godfrey

## News at St. Mary's

### MARY'S KITCHEN BREAD DRIVE



The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a bread drive for Mary's Kitchen! Loaf sandwich bread will be collected in the Narthex on **Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, and delivered to the Kitchen that week. This will coincide with our parish's quarterly service date, **Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**, at the Kitchen. If you would like to serve this day or have any other questions about the bread drive, please contact Jessica Shimer, Outreach Committee Chair, at [jshimer4300@gmail.com](mailto:jshimer4300@gmail.com).

### Longing and Belonging

#### PSALMS IN DIALOGUE

Engaging the Psalter through the performing and visual arts



### ST. MARY'S FIELD TRIP TO DUKE!

Duke Chapel is offering **Longing and Belonging: Psalms in Dialogue** on **Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 4pm**. This is an event that engages the Psalms through the performing and visual arts featuring the Duke Chapel Evensong Singers, Ekklesia Contemporary Ballet, artworks by Makoto Fujimura, and more. Admission is free. If you'd like to join Fr. Tom and others from St. Mary's, contact the church office by Oct. 13.

### Pastoral Announcements

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Linda & Clifton Carey

150 Lands End Rd., Apt. C22

Morehead City, NC 28557-8995

#### TEMPORARY CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Dr. William (Bill) Sumner

c/o NC State Veterans Home

2150 Hull Rd.

Kinston, NC 28504

**Levi Wentz (through December - written mail only - no packages)**

Roster #446 Name: Levi Wentz

Charlie Company, 1-50 IN Regt

198th Infantry Brigade

9825 2nd Armored Division Road, BLDG 3575

Fort Benning, Ga 31905-5919



### From the Parish Register

#### Baptisms:

Mary Helen Edwards

Daughter of Dacie & Jess Edwards

Sister of Leah Rose Edwards

September 29, 2019



## Episcopal Church Women

*This season the ECW is embracing change! With much consideration, we have decided to take a different path with our fundraising efforts. The traditional Mary's Market will not be held in November. We will continue to sell bulbs and beautiful orchids, and order forms can be found in the Narthex.*

*We would like to thank all the women who have worked tirelessly over the years to make Mary's Market successful. Your dedication to the work of our church is greatly appreciated. We have many wonderful memories of serving together to carry us into our next season.*

*With much excitement and anticipation, we are working on plans for a Valentine's weekend dinner fundraiser. The dinner will be held on Sunday, February 16th. Please mark your calendars. This is going to be a good one!!!*

*In Christ's Love,  
THE ECW BOARD  
Sarah Warner  
Dacie Edwards*

*Laury Sargeant  
Cathy Sale*

## ECW Bulb Sale

The annual flower bulb sale has started! Fliers and order forms are available in the church and may also be viewed and printed at

<http://www.stmaryskinston.com/articles/ecw-bulb-sale/>. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's ECW and return to the church office by Monday, October 14, 2019.

Questions? Contact Juliet Barrus at [julietbarrus@mac.com](mailto:julietbarrus@mac.com) or 252-523-3229.

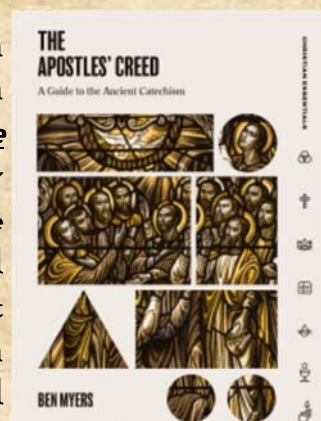
Thank you for joining the ECW in growing beauty on the earth and for supporting the ministry of the ECW!



## Christian Education

### ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Adult Christian Formation Class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30am following parish breakfast. Beginning on October 6, Fr. Tom will kick off an Adult Forum series 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.



We have had tremendous response to our Wednesday evening **Alpha** and **Alpha Youth** programs! Please keep this ministry in your prayers during this special season of fruitful conversation and spiritual growth. If it didn't work out for you to participate in this **Alpha** and you'd be interested in St. Mary's hosting another one in the future, let us know!





# Youth @ St. Mary's

## Mark Your Calendars

Wednesday, October 2

5:15pm EYC!!!

6:00pm Alpha

Sunday, October 6

10:30am Worship

(MASS ON THE GRASS!!)

5pm Blessing of the Animals!

Wednesday, October 9

5:15pm EYC!!!

6:00pm Alpha

Saturday, October 12

10:00am St. Barnabas Service

Sunday, October 13

10:30am Worship

(Bread Drive)

Wednesday, October 16

5:15pm EYC!!!

6:00pm Alpha

Fri-Sun, October 18-2022

Happening #74 (Trinity Ctr)

Saturday October 19

Half Marathon Aid Station

Sunday, October 20

4:00pm

*Psalms in Dialogue @ Duke*

Wednesday, October 23

5:15pm EYC!!!

6:00pm Alpha

Wednesday, October 30

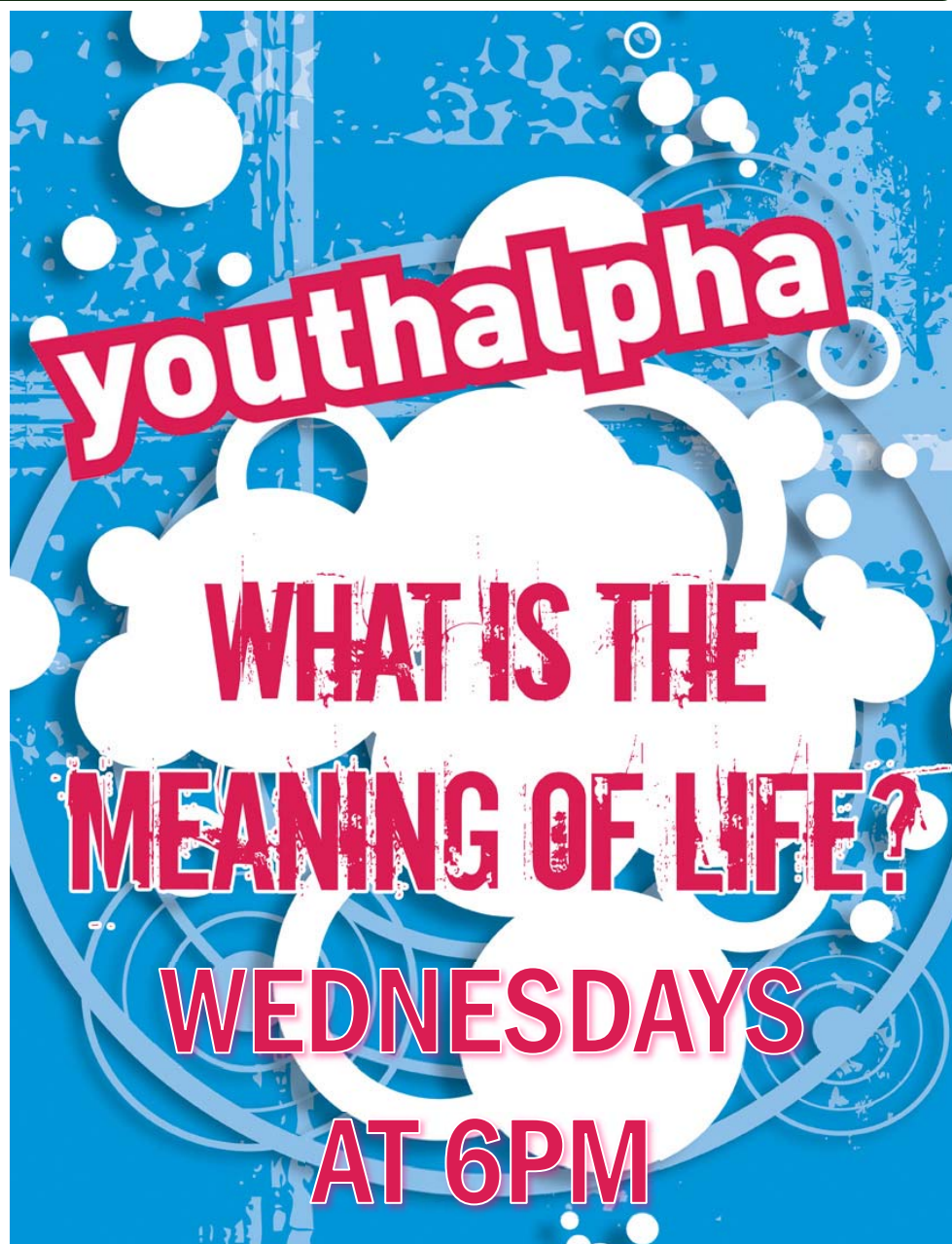
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6:00pm Alpha

Thursday, October 31

5:00 pm Halloween

Trunk or Treat



St. Mary's is hosting a "Trunk-or-Treat" in the church parking lot from 5-6pm on Halloween, Thursday, October 31. Church members and friends are asked to reserve a parking space and decorate their vehicles to welcome children from the neighborhood on their Trick-Or-Treating rounds. This is an excellent way to offer a fun, safe, and joyful gift to others. Please sign up for a spot on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Contact Heather Wentz ([hawentz@msn.com](mailto:hawentz@msn.com)) with any questions.

## Other News

**THE NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL SERVICE AT ST. BARNABAS CHURCH** will be Saturday, October 12 at 10am in Snow Hill, NC. The Holy Eucharist liturgy will be from the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. There will be a fellowship hour following the service at the Crescent Tea Room (at Half Moon Marketplace in downtown Snow Hill). All are welcome!



### CHERISHED MEMBER'S LUNCHEON

Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends are invited to the first Cherished Member's Luncheon of the season on **Thursday, October 3rd, at 11:30am in Moseley Hall**. If you've not been before, 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, October 1st. We hope to see you there!

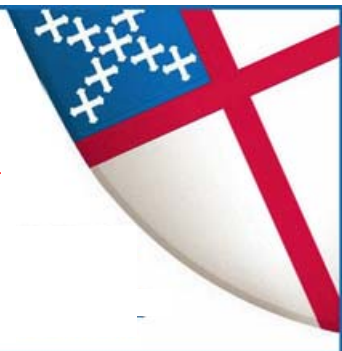


**96 days** between October 1st and the 2020 Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival on January 5!!!

- The Boar's Head Planning Committee meets October 13th at 11:45am.

## Vestry

### VESTRY NOMINATION PROCESS



The Vestry of St. Mary's has a vital role in the leadership of this parish. Broadly defined by the Canons of the Episcopal Church and our diocese, the responsibilities of the vestry encompass areas of leadership and management in partnership with the Rector. Serving on the Vestry of St. Mary's is service to Christ Himself and is an honor and privilege. Vestry members meet together on the third Monday of every month and occasionally in called meetings. Attendance is extremely important. Each Vestry member is responsible for overseeing at least one area of parish ministry. Twelve Vestry members serve

for rotating terms of three years each. Four Vestry members are elected each year at the Annual Parish Meeting that occurs on the second Sunday of Advent (December 8, 2019).

#### Here are the qualifications for Vestry eligibility:

*"Adult" member (sixteen years or older) who has been confirmed and is faithful in corporate worship as evidenced by the receiving of Communion in this church three (3) times during the previous year, unless for good cause prevented; and, has been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God.*

- **October 13, 2019:** A list of eligible parishioners for Vestry will be posted in the Narthex. Please check this list for accuracy and notify the church office ASAP if any corrections need to be made.
- **October 27, 2019:** Nomination forms will be available in the Narthex and emailed to the church. Confirmed adults of the church are asked by the Vestry to nominate no more than 6 names from this list.
- **November 12, 2019:** Nomination forms are due by 4:30pm to the church office in hard copy or emailed to lkelly@stmaryskinston.com. All nomination forms must be signed or otherwise clearly noting the individual who is making the nomination.

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**Mother Earth Brewing**  
**Half - Marathon**

St. Mary's is on the route for the MEB Ironclad Race on October 19. In the spirit of Christian hospitality, St. Mary's will serve as an Aid Station near the race's "home stretch." Would you cheer on the runners and hand out water that Saturday morning? If so, please contact





**St. Mary's Blood Drive**  
**Tuesday, October 29th**  
**12pm-4pm**  
**Moseley Hall**

#### **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	