



August 2014

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

“Mary’s Kitchen Celebrating 30 Years of Serving”

All Mary’s Kitchen
Volunteers are invited to a
“Volunteer Dinner”
on Friday, August 22, 2014

6:00 p.m.

at King’s Restaurant
Highway 70 East,
Kinston, NC

* You must register to attend by
contacting Marilyn Wiggins at
252-523-6146 or
mwiggins@stmaryskinston.com

Deadline: August 13, 2014

Marilyn Wiggins to retire

A stable fixture at St. Mary’s for the past 8 years has been Marilyn Wiggins, St. Mary’s Parish Administrator and Director of Mary’s Kitchen.

When you’ve stopped by the office of St. Mary’s or called to inquire about a bill or your offering, or to ask questions about Mary’s Kitchen, you’ve spoken to Marilyn Wiggins. Marilyn came to work at St. Mary’s on August 23, 2006. She will leave us and retire on September 30, 2014.

We thank Marilyn for her ministry here at St. Mary’s and will miss her dedication and devotion to the people and ministries of St. Mary’s Church. While here she worked and succeeded at increasing Mary’s Kitchen’s financial outlook and volunteer force, moving from serving meals from 5 days a week to 7, seeking and received numerous grants for the Kitchen.

As Parish Administrator she was a top manager of our parish finances. Marilyn was effective and efficient. She provided true Christian hospitality to everyone who entered. THANK YOU Marilyn everything you’ve done for St. Mary’s!



Outreach Commission to meet

St. Mary’s Outreach Commission will meet on Tuesday, August 19th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Vestry Room/Bookstore. The meeting will review “The Block Party”, and our participation in the “Back to School Bash” at the Gate. We will look forward to “Hand-in-Hand” with Northwest School, the “Cookie Walk” and other mission opportunities.

The meeting will also discuss the disbursement of outreach monies for 2014. If you’re interested in and wanting to work with outreach and share your ideas, please come! If you have specific questions, please contact co-chair P.C. Barwick, Susan Fox or one of our clergy.

We are the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Let’s take

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 402 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
Assistant	The Rev'd Thomas P.H. Warren
Director of Music	Mr. Nick Voermans
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Marilyn R. Wiggins
Secretary	Mrs. Linda M. Johnson
Director of Children's Ministries	Mrs. Shelly L. Yarbrough
Sr. Warden	Mr. P. C. Barwick, Jr.
Jr. Warden	Mr. William L. (Bill) Connolly, III

Up coming events

3rd Annual St. Mary's Neighborhood Block Party!!!



Some event details:

What? - An evening of fellowship with the members and neighbors of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

There will be pigs to pick with plenty of sides & desserts, live music, and a bounce house & games for kids of all ages!

Where? - ON Rountree St. between Rhem and Bond

Who?

The guests are the residents of homes that surround St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Each home within a two-block radius of the church has received a hand-delivered invitation.

The hosts are the members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. A list of roles to be filled and items to be provided is posted in the narthex.

Please contact Holly Warren (holly3799@hotmail.com) or Susan Fox (sfox2102@hotmail.com) with any questions!

"Reel Spirituality"

A Film Series to Promote Fellowship and Conversation @ St. Mary's

This summer, Moseley Hall is hosting screenings of several movies of a wide variety followed by a brief discussion about the film. Enjoy a great movie, fresh popcorn, & fellowship!

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch, & The Wardrobe

Four kids play a game of hide & seek and wind up entering the magical land of Narnia through a wardrobe and learn of their destiny to free it with the guidance of a mystical lion. As the summer winds down, immerse yourself in this wonderful adaptation of C.S. Lewis' beautifully profound and creative masterpiece that has captured the imaginations of young & old since 1950.



Join us Wednesday, August 20; Moseley Hall. Doors open @ 5:45, film starts @ 6:05

We have chairs, but you're welcome to bring your own too!

From the Rector - Father Michael

Praying for all people

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone . . ." We are exhorted to pray for others, not just for those we know. - - 1 Timothy 2:1

One of the most profound responsibilities we have as Christian people is to persevere in prayer. Prayer is by no means limited to those times in which we come before God for our own needs. We are called to pray for others.

The greatest ministry of the Church, is prayer. It takes place at different times and in different forms, and is done by all people.

On one of the tables in the Narthex (church entrance), on many a Sunday, you may find an envelope addressed with a person's name and address. Inside the card reads; "You are being prayed for during this time by members of the parish family at St. Mary's". Should you find such a card when you arrive for worship, you are asked to sign it. The card may be for a member of our parish family or for someone in the wider community. The parish secretary often initiates one of these cards for people when they have been hospitalized, find themselves homebound, or experiencing a time of crisis. They are in need of prayer. On Monday morning the cards are collected and mailed.

Extra cards may be found in the pocket of the Prayer List, the black notebook also found on the table. Should there be someone in or outside our parish family for whom you would like to lift in prayer and let them know that they are being prayed for, you are encouraged to initiate a card for others to sign as well.

It is difficult for me even to say "those inside or outside our parish community" for no one is outside the love of God. All people deserve our prayers, at all times, with no judgment being made. As God's own people, that is what we do . . . we pray. We pray for all sorts and conditions of people, at all times.

We have all been recipients of prayer. People have told me, "I have felt the power of others praying for me." Others praying for us. Isn't that good? I have experienced the power of prayer and it is most welcomed. Isn't it good to know that others are praying for us?

What do I do if I don't know the person on the card? You sign it and you pray for them. You pray for them as if they were (because they are) a member of your family.

You don't have to know all the details of why the card is there, you just need to pray for them. Because that is what we do.

Our brothers and sisters can uphold us in prayer through times of difficulty and doubt. In the end, it's all about relationship. If we are open to this gift, we can discover a depth of love that is itself an answer to prayer, a form of divine response to the deepest longings of our hearts.

In the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel, we see Jesus himself praying for us. In his high

priestly prayer, Jesus lifts us all up into the presence of God, asking his Father to protect us in his Name, so that we may be one, even as he and the Father are one.

Jesus reminds us that we belong to him and therefore to God. He brings our brokenness and all our various

needs before God. We should do the same for others.



RenewalWorks™

Thank you to ALL who participated in the Renewal Works survey last month! Your input has set us up well to move forward with this program of assessing the spiritual vitality of our congregation. **Steve Mazingo** is leading a task force to study the survey results and make recommendations about how we might move forward to the vestry and clergy.

Task force members are: **Amy Albritton, Andrew Dupstadt, Dacie Edwards, Bill Ferguson, Gary Hamm, Mark Herring, Vicki Kennedy, Mike Ling, Elizabeth Maxwell, Diane Poole, Sarah Turner, and Carl Younger.** Please keep the work of this task force in your prayers as they meet throughout the remainder of this summer.

Worship

Choir Returns



On Saturday, August 23rd, at 11 AM, the St. Mary's Adult Choir will be headed to the home of Ike Hines for a choir retreat. We will be rehearsing music for fall, enjoying a lunch and each other's company. Anyone who is interested in singing in the choir is invited to attend and we ask that you bring a dish to pass. For more information, please contact Nick Voermans at 252-523-6146, or nvoermans@stmaryskinston.com.

Adult choir rehearsals will resume on August 27th, the week following the retreat. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 7 PM. Music during the Fall includes works from Wilby, Shepherd, and Attwood. We have also launched a new Facebook page to help keep everyone in the loop with what the music ministry at St. Mary's is doing. We will be posting the hymns, anthems, and other special music regularly so "Like" us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysmusic>.

Our seasonal Youth Choir will resume on Thursday, November 6th, at 5:30 PM. We are hoping to expand the Youth Choir to include children & youth, grades 2 through 8, from other churches here in Kinston. Our goal is to represent the youth of the community during our annual Community Lessons and Carols service held on

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Benefitting Northwest Elementary School students and classrooms that need them

Backpacks
Wide ruled notebook paper
No. 2 pencils
Pens: black, blue, red
Glue
Crayons
Erasers
Colored pencils
Scissors

Collecting items until
August 17, 2014
No donation is too small!

DROP OFF at St. Mary's
Episcopal Church
9-1 Weekdays



Hand in hand together we can make a difference!

August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 8 Pentecost 8:00a H.E. - Rite I 10:00a H.E. - Rite II 11:15a Lemonade on the Lawn	4	5 8:30 a Morning Prayer 9:00 a Staff Meeting 6:00p Renewal Works	6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord 6:45a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00p St. Mary's	7 John Mason Neale 8:30a Morning Prayer 6:00p Boy Scouts Round Table	1 Joseph of Arimathea	2
10 9 Pentecost 8:00a H.E. - Rite I 10:00a H.E. - Rite II 11:15a Lemonade on the Lawn	11 Clare of Assisi	12 Florence Nightingale 8:30 a Morning Prayer 9:00 a Staff Meeting 8:00p A.A.—Al-Anon	13 Jeremy Taylor 6:45a Men's Prayer Breakfast	14 Jonathan Myrick Daniels 8:30a Morning Prayer	15 St. Mary the Virgin	16
17 10 Pentecost 8:00a H.E. - Rite I 10:00a H.E. - Rite II/ <i>Blessing of the Backpacks</i> 11:15a Ice cream	18 William Porcher DuBose 6:00 p Youth Council 6:15p Finance 7:00p Vestry Meeting	19 8:30a Morning Prayer 9:00a Staff Meeting 7:00p Outreach Commission 8:00p A.A.—Al-Anon	20 Bernard of Clairvaux 6:45a Men's Prayer Breakfast 6:00p Renewal Works 6:00 p Reel Spirituality	21 8:30a Morning Prayer	22 6:00p Mary's Kitchen's 30th Anniversary Dinner at King's	23 9a-2p Transition Mtg. in Moseley Hall 11:00 am Choir Retreat @ home of Ike Hines
24 11 Pentecost 8:00a H.E. - Rite I 10:00a H.E. - Rite II	25 St. Bartholomew	26 8:30a Morning Prayer 9:00 a Staff Meeting	27 Thomas Gallandet and Henry Winter Style 6:45a Men's Prayer	28 Augustine of Hippo 8:30 a Morning Prayer	29	30
31 12 Pentecost 8:00a H.E. - Rite I 10:00a H.E. - Rite II						

August 2014 Serving Schedule

	August 3	August 10	August 17	August 24	August 31
Acolytes	Crucifer: Joseph John Torch Br.: Will Connolly Brandon Zoltek Gospel: Jill Saracino	Crucifer: Thomas Grady Torch Br.: Kirby Ballard Dori Ballard Gospel: Harper Ballard	Crucifer: Melissa Glen Torch Br.: Anna Scott Newton Anne Grayson Lindley Gospel: Nathaniel Glen	Crucifer: Lilli Wooten Torch Br.: Ellie Wooten Levi Wentz Gospel: Raelynn Sheffield	Crucifer: Joseph John Torch Bearer: Matthew Glen Jacob John Gospel: Will Sargeant
Lectors/ Eucharis- tic Ministers	8 a.m. Ron Michalowicz 10 a.m. OT: Sam Gilmore Ps: Sam Gilmore NT: Jo Parrott Prayers: Sandra Warren EM: Jo Parrott Dick Archie	8 a.m. Greg Gridley 10 a.m. OT: Cyndi Rafferty Ps: Cyndi Rafferty NT: Terah Archie Prayers: Jessica Shimer EM: Terah Archie Susan Fox	8 a.m. Joe Stark 10 a.m. OT: Teresa Singer Ps: Teresa Singer NT: Kelli Stroud Prayers: Ike Hines EM: Stuart Stroud Kelli Stroud	8 a.m. Marvel Turik 10 a.m. OT: Bill Connolly Ps: Bill Connolly NT: Anne Cooper Prayers: Anne Cooper EM: Stephen Hill Bonnie Holton	8 a.m. Scott Turik 10 a.m. OT: Frances Herring Ps: Frances Herring NT: Ron Albertson Prayers: Jay Barker EM: Adrian King Jay Barker
Ushers	8 a.m. Ron Michalowicz 10 a.m. Armistead Mauck Jon Sargeant Robert Bryan Richard Lane	8 a.m. Scott Turik 10 a.m. Bruce Rafferty Kevin Zoltek Jimmy Ballard Gerry Fox	8 a.m. Earl Harper 10 a.m. Jimmy Parrott Sandy Shimer Scott Newton Stuart Lindley	8 a.m. Andrew Duppstadt 10 a.m. Clifton Carey Ron Albertson Lee Albritton Harry Wooten	8 a.m. Bill Sumner 10 a.m. Billy Carraway Bill Ferguson Randy Jones Randy Holton
Altar Guild	Lorraine Spader Dianne Stadium Jo Parrott Teresa Singer Cathy Beasley	Emily Exum Tempe Younger Beth Webster Judy Sanders	Diane Bowen Jane Newton Anne Lindley Sarah Warner	Susan Fox Pat Patrick Louise Mauck Sarah Turner Carrie Dale Purnell	Cyndi Rafferty Kelli Stroud Crystal Wooten Ellie Wooten
Bookstore	Closed	Anne Lindley	Closed	Closed	Closed

* Ushers are asked to arrive and be in place by no later than 9:35 a.m. - - - Acolytes are asked to arrive, be vested, and ready to go by 9:45 a.m.

* If you find that you are not able to minister on the Sunday you are scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement and notify the Parish Secretary by Wednesday of the week you are scheduled. Thank you!



Let us not love with words and speech, but with actions and in truth. *1 John 8:18*

It won't be long until the families in our community will be in full blown back-to-school mode. This offers St. Mary's the incredible opportunity to reach out to our neighborhood school, Northwest Elementary. For St. Mary's, our Hand-in-Hand partnership is not about meeting a single need, but a commitment to collaborate for the purpose of making a long term impact and building lasting relationships.

As volunteers develop relationships with staff and students, this outreach program goes well beyond buying boxes of crayons to a passion to partner with Northwest in caring for her students. Our partnership with Northwest has meant everything from providing snacks for children to purchasing books for the library; praying for staff and students in church on Sundays or as a part of the prayer team; volunteering to spend time reading with students or serving as a math tutor; replenishing school supplies in classrooms or distributing books to students for summer reading and much more. Through these simple acts of kindness, we are sharing God's love and changing lives.

Being a part of St. Mary's Hand in Hand ministry with Northwest Elementary School is as easy as 1,2,3:

1. Pray for the students and staff of Northwest and our Hand in Hand ministry
2. Volunteer your time: whether you have an hour a week, a month, or occasionally, we have a place for you
3. Donate money to support this ministry

Contact Laury Sargeant at jsarg4@suddenlink.net to help cultivate hope in the hearts of Northwest students.

Share the love.....see what grows.

Christian Formation

Welcome
Back!!!



We've missed all of the young ones of St. Mary's throughout this summer and are so EXCITED for the coming year of exploring, learning, and celebrating God at Project FreeFALL!

Parents, mark your calendars for two important dates:

Our Kick-Off event is called SPLASH BASH!!!! It will be September 7 at 5pm in the church yard. There WILL be water, and LOTS of it, so have your children wear clothes that can get wet!

Project FreeFALL will have its first session following the regular schedule after the 10am liturgy (11:15 until noon) in the sanctuary on Sunday, September 14. *Questions?*

Contact Shelly Yarbrough at
(910) 526-7053 or
shellyyarbrough@hotmail.com



THANK YOU to all who helped with this year's Vacation Bible School held at First Presbyterian Church in June.

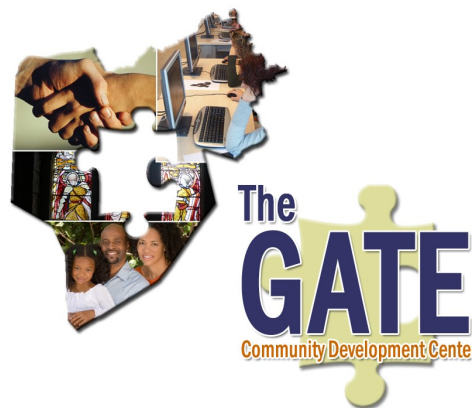
Children learned about how God shows His love for them through the Creation that is all around them and through Jesus, His son. A special thank-you to Shelly Yarbrough who served as St. Mary's representative on the joint VBS leadership team! Gordon Street Christian Church will host VBS next summer. Save the date for June 15-18, 2015!

"Back to School Bash" at The Gate

St. Mary's will be participating for the 5th year at the "Back to School Bash" at The Gate, 201 E. Gordon St., Kinston, on Saturday, August 9th.

Your help is needed as we will feed approximately 350 people for this annual event. St. Mary's will be providing young people with a hotdog, chips, dessert and a drink. Help is needed with two different stages of this meal. We are looking for several people who would gather in Moseley Hall on Saturday morning at 8:45 a.m. to boil, wrap hot dogs and pack up the lunches. We then need a few people at The Gate at 10:00 a.m. to serve the young people at @10:20 a.m. After the young people are served, you can leave.

Pam Albertson and Teresa Singer are leading this event and they would like your help. Please come to Moseley Hall on Saturday, August 9th at 8:45 a.m.



Youth Community News

Mark Your Calendars!!

Wednesday, August 6, 6pm

Come to the Block Party!!!

Saturday, August 9, 8:45am

Put together lunches in Moseley Hall for The Gate's "Back to School Bash"

Sunday, Aug 9; 5:30pm

GLORY RIDGE Reunion!

Mon, August 18, 6pm

Youth Council; Parlor

Wed, August 20; 6pm

Reel Spirituality: The Lion, the Witch, & The Wardrobe

Sunday, September 7; 5:30

EYC Kick-Off Party!!!

Saturday September 20

yOUTHREACH @ St. Mary's (Kinston, NC)

Saturday, September 27

Team Meeting for Happening #62 (10am-4pm) @ Diocesan House (Kinston)

October 17-19

Happening #64 @ Trinity Center

Have a safe & blessed summer!!!!



We look forward to sharing some of the highlights and stories from our trip with the St. Mary's Parish Family during the Christian Formation hour one Sunday this Fall!

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you so much to EVERYONE who contributed to this year's Glory Ridge mission trip. Nearly \$3,500 for construction was contributed via pledges, individual donations, and Chili Cook-Off & Papa's Pecans sales! Prayer Shawls were knitted and prayed over by the Knitting ministry and given to residents of Madison County! Several vehicles were needed and made available for the trip! Meals and snacks were prepared in advance and sent along! And, of course, we felt the presence of your prayers...



Thank you and BLESS YOU!

Other News

From the Parish Register

Death: Marie Sugg Page
July 13, 2014

Transferred out: Watson Sutton
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Greenville, NC

Catherine Shaw Holcombe
Christ Church, Raleigh, NC

Katherine McDuffy
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Edenton, NC

Pastoral news

Marriage:

Laura Hunter Meecham and Robert Bruce Moore, Jr.
April 26, 2014 at
St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Morehead City, NC
Laura is the daughter of Dianne Stadiem.

Births: James Carstarphen Purnell, VI (Bo)
born July 25, 2014 to
Carrie Dale and Jim Purnell

Walker Wellington McLean
born July 26, 2014 to
Blythe (Gridley) and Todd McLean
Grandparents are Jane and Greg Gridley

Mary Evans Meier
born July 18, 2014 to
Doug and Ginny (Younger) Meir
Grandparents are Carl and Tempe Younger

James Simons Layton (Sim)
born June 30, 2014 to
Eric and Ashley Layton
Grandparents are Ron and Shirley Layton

Gracelyn Ann Quinn
born June 16, 2014 to
Marissa Shaw and Patrick Quinn
Grandparents are Barbara and Richard Crumbacker

Rowan Carroll Coley
born June 4, 2014 to
Rachel and Eric Coley
Grandparents are Vicki and Claude Kennedy

James Wideman
born June 4, 2014 to
Zachary and Lauren Wideman
Grandmother is Donna Wideman

August Gathering at Trinity Center August 21st, 2014

All women (and men) are invited!

Mark your calendars now and join the **Episcopal Church Women** of the Diocese of East Carolina for some time at the beach, at the Trinity Center on Thursday, August 21st. We are thrilled to have The Rev. Mary Frances Curns of St. Anne's, Jacksonville, presenting "Praying With the Hymns." It is a prayer practice that allows for the participants to 'hear' what God is stirring up in them and to reflect on their own personal lives to find the connections to healing, comfort, challenges, forgiveness etc. It requires participation **only** if you feel led to do so.

The schedule for the day:

9:00 am Registration
9:45 am Assembly begins
11:30 am Holy Eucharist
12:30 pm Lunch

The cost for refreshments, lunch, and the use of Trinity Center facilities is \$18 per person. Dress casual and wear comfortable shoes. You may want to take a walk out to Sander's Point for some quiet time or enjoy a stroll on the beach.

The deadline for reservations to St. Mary's Office is August 5th. Spread the word, and bring a friend!

Thompson Child and Family Focus

We have received updated information on the procedure for submitting "Labels for Education". It is extremely important to submit the soup label in it's entirety. **DO NOT CUT.** On other items, such as breads, cereals, snacks, Glad storage bags, stationery, etc., please cut out the "Label for Education." On Campbell's tomato juice and V-8 juice, the cap is required.

Your contributions to this program are greatly appreciated. Contributions can assist Thompson Child and Family Focus to purchase digital cameras, computer games for Community Program waiting room, etc.

A collection box for your submissions is located in the Narthex.

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Sundae Sunday

What tastes better in the heat of summer than any other time of year? . . . ice cream.

Be sure to join us on Sunday, August 17th, following the 10:00 am service, when members of the Vestry will be serving up ice cream for people to make their own sundaes.



Summertime and your offering

As summer approaches and people begin to travel, remember your church offering. Just like your home, we have bills to pay: ministry, programs, salaries, utilities, etc. God loves a cheerful giver and our Treasurer loves regular givers! Have a safe summer!!

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

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

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2014	2015	2016
P. C. Barwick, Jr.	W. Scott Newton, II	Susan F. Fox
William (Bill) Connolly	Cyndi L. Rafferty	Stephen B. Hill
Anne B. Lindley	Joseph V. Stark	Isaac (Ike) C. Hines
John (Sandy) Shimer, Jr.	Stuart L. Stroud	Kevin M. Zoltek

Senior Warden – P. C. Barwick, Jr.

Junior Warden – William L. (Bill) Connolly, III

Clerk – Cyndi L. Rafferty

Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley