



September 2014

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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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. Katharine Jefferts Schori

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In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 73 churches.

Founded in 1883.

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St. Mary's Episcopal Church

A church of 405 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

Vestry Eligibility List

The 2014 Vestry Eligibility List is currently on display on the bulletin board in the Narthex and on the bulletin board outside the Rector's Office. This list contains the names of those who are eligible to serve on the Vestry of St. Mary's Church. To be eligible, one must:

- Be an adult, confirmed communicant of St. Mary's Church.
- Be at least 16 years of age.
- Financially contribute to the parish as recorded by the Parish Administrator. (Either by check or received in a contribution envelope.)
- Be willing to sign the "Vestry Declaration and Promise".

From the eligibility list a slate of candidates will be presented for election. The election of new Vestry members will take place during the Annual Parish Meeting (December 7, 2014). Please check the list. We make mistakes. If your name was inadvertently left off, please notify Marilyn in the Parish Office.

A Sunday to say "Thank You" & "See You Around!"

On Sunday, Sept. 7th, our soon-to-be-retired Parish Administrator, Marilyn Wiggins, will be with us during the 10am liturgy and we will thank her for her ministry with us afterwards during the covered-dish luncheon. Her last day in office will be Sept. 30. St. Mary's has truly been blessed to have her with us these 8 years! Join us in thanking her.

Interested in Healthy & Local Food?

St. Mary's serves as a bi-monthly pick-up location for folks who want to purchase meat, produce, and dairy - all sourced by local neighbors who are trying to grow food in a way that honors God, the rest of creation, and each other!

Order only what you want and meet your farmer! Mary's Kitchen will be given a whole hog when an order goal is reached! To learn more about our Buyer's Club with Nature's Touch Farm, contact

Sarah Turner at Sturner.smt@gmail.com



"Serve the Lord with Gladness!" -Psalm 100:2

Serving as an acolyte is open to any rising 5th grader or older. Any acolyte that was not able to attend the training sessions held in June is asked to make every effort to meet with the clergy on:

Sunday, September 14 at 9:15am

We will meet in the nave (the main part of the sanctuary). Adults are welcome to serve as acolytes as well if they are interested!

What a couple parishioners did this summer...



Donna Wideman

I have been on an amazing journey this summer, both physical and spiritual, working for the Episcopal Church in the Dominican Republic. God put so many special people into my life, and so much good work was done in his name. I felt covered with blessings, knowing my friends and family were praying faithfully for me.

I first want to talk about the Dominican people I met. Most have very little in tangible things, but they are willing to share whatever they have with you. They speak openly of their faith. They are full of life, joy, and the love of Christ.

Next, I want to speak about the volunteers I met. These people have given up a week of their lives to help those less fortunate. They endure little or no air conditioning, cold showers, long hours, and enjoy every minute of it. Many have returned year after year.

I helped with three different missions and went out with five different groups. I learned so much from each. Each group has its own gift to give.

Medical missions are composed of doctors, nurses, priests, physicians assistants, pharmacists, and translators. The Dominicans helped by registering the patients, bringing water and providing food in the humid, high temperatures that never cease. Patients wait for hours to see the doctors, with no complaining. Most cannot even afford something as simple as a bottle of acetaminophen. Chikungunya, a virus that leaves the patient with painful joints, was ravaging the island. The sugar cane fields were burned at night, so many people suffered from respiratory problems. People were grateful for a kind touch, medicines, and vitamins.

Construction teams build, paint, and repair houses, churches, and Episcopal schools. My construction team, mostly teens from Michigan, along with Dominican youth, painted the inside and out of a two story church in three days. Another team I was associated with repaired a 4,000 square foot school roof.

Vacation Bible School is a wonderful, exhausting time of songs, praise, crafts, and Bible lessons in cramped, hot classrooms or churches. These children still enjoy playing outside. They joyfully jump rope, play baseball, and chase bubbles. They are grateful that someone has come to touch their lives.

What was made clearer to me on my journey? First, people who freely give of themselves get back more than they give. Letting people know you care about them as a person, as a child of God, is our mission in life. Second, prayer is so powerful. Through a miracle and many prayers, Alexander, a seven year old from the remote village of Mosovi, will receive an operation and be able to walk normally for the first time in his life. Third, you do not have to be fluent in any foreign language in order to volunteer. I watched as hand signals, broken Spanish, and hugs went a long way. And last, but not least, the Episcopal church is alive, well, and growing by leaps and bounds in the D.R. All things are possible through Christ.

This summer I was lucky enough to have had two amazing opportunities to represent myself as a youth of St. Mary's. The first was through a camp known as the Duke Youth Academy, which is a week long program centered around connecting High School Christian youth from all different denominations. This program actually used to be two weeks long, but they decided to change it to a week in residence and then a yearlong program altogether involving reading passages online every month, watching lectures online, web chatting with other youth involved in DYA, and organizing a project in the community with the help of a mentor. Besides what DYA entails for that yearly period, one of the main goals of the actual weeklong camp is to show the differences and similarities between each denomination. One of the first topics that was discussed during our morning lectures at the camp was the subject of baptism, specifically though how baptism begins our journey as a Christian.



Melissa Glen

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Worship



Would you or someone you know love to sing in a church choir? Adult Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. and will continue every Wednesday unless noted. This is a great time to join the choir and get involved with the music ministry at St. Mary's. If you have questions about the choir, please contact Nick Voermans, St. Mary's Director of Music Ministry.

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 beginning September 7th, so don't forget to "Like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stmarysmusic. Tell your friends!

Preparing for the Children's Sabbath



The music ministry at St. Mary's is pleased to announce that the Greenville Choral Society Children's Choir will return to St. Mary's for our Children's Sabbath, October 19th. Plan to be with us and bring children.

Our seasonal **Youth Choir** will resume on Thursday, November 6th, at 5:30 p.m. We are hoping to expand the Youth Choir to include children and 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 Sunday, December 21st, at 4:00 p.m.

Mary Day celebration

Mary was an Israelite Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee and the mother of Jesus.

Traditionally, Christians believe that she conceived her son, Jesus the Christ, miraculously by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This took place when she was already betrothed to Joseph and was awaiting the concluding rite of marriage, the formal home-taking ceremony.

She married Joseph and accompanied him to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. In keeping with Jewish custom, the betrothal would have taken place when she was around 12, and the birth of Jesus about a year later.

The Virgin Mary is viewed as the ultimate compassionate human being, and holy, in part, because of her willingness to accede to God's wishes. For the time period in which she lived, carrying a child without first being married was a monumental request. Further, the Virgin Mary had to willingly sacrifice that child, surpassing even Abraham, in her ability not to interfere in God's ways and means.

On **Sunday, September 7th** we will celebrate our feast day, the Feast of St. Mary's the Virgin. Like our patron saint, we too are called to carry out the ministry of compassion each and every day of our lives.

We will celebrate our common life together, by first worshipping, then we will gather for a covered dish dinner in Moseley Hall for fellowship following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please bring a large dish to share. All are invited.



Christian Formation

**Christian Formation programming for ALL ages begins on
Sunday, September 14!!**

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

"Working Our Way Back to God"

September 14th - *"Glory Ridge"* - The group who went to Glory Ridge in Madison County this summer will present a program on what they saw, did and learned.

We will also hear from Melissa Glen, who participated in the Duke Youth Academy this summer. Melissa was also a representative to The Episcopal Youth Event in Philadelphia, PA. She was one of the youth representing our diocese.

September 21st - *"Summer mission work"* - Donna Wideman, will talk about her summer experience as a missionary in the Diocese of the Dominican Republic. Donna translated for many mission teams going into the DR from the United States.

We will also hear from some of the young people from St. Mary's who participated in "Erasing the Lines" in Kinston.

September 28th - We will watch and discuss the TED video, featuring Rick Warren on *"A Life of Purpose"*.

Parents, while your children are in Sunday School, be sure to gather with other life-long learners. Be sure to join us this fall from 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Moseley Hall for adult education/formation. Bring a friend!

St. Mary's

ECW Wine &

Hors'deuvres Social

Wednesday, September 3rd

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

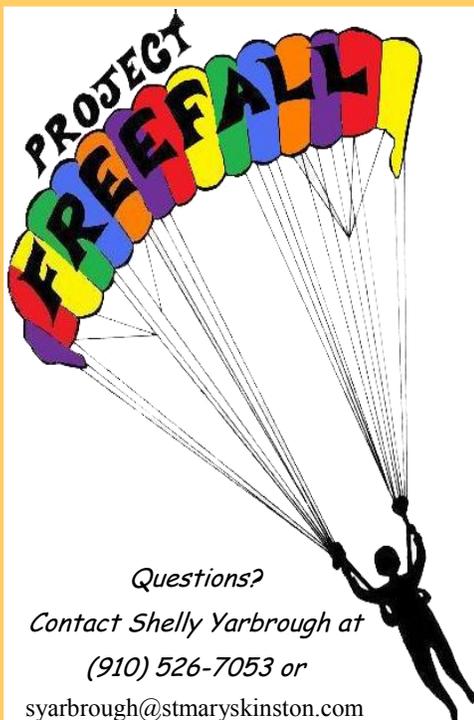
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Moseley Hall

A "come as you are" gathering for old friends to chat & new friends to meet

Please mark your calendars & join us for good conversation & food!!

*Any questions, please contact Anne Lindley
252-521-6404*



Questions?

*Contact Shelly Yarbrough at
(910) 526-7053 or
syarbrough@stmaryskinston.com*

Project FreeFALL is back!!! At Project FreeFALL, kids will learn about how life can be a real adventure with God leading and helping us along the way. Get a taste of the rich fun & blessings of Project FreeFALL at the Kickoff SPLASH BASH Party for the whole family on Sunday, Sep. 7 from 5-6:30pm on the church's west lawn!

Childrens' Chapel for preschoolers through 3rd Graders will also begin at the 10am liturgy on Sep. 14!! Childrens' Chapel will take place each 2nd & 4th Sunday throughout the year.



Youth Community News

EYC is Back!!!

The Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) at St. Mary's is for ALL 6th through 12th graders to come together and have fun as we learn about and share what God is doing in our lives, community, and world. On most Sunday evenings, the **Jr. EYC (6th-8th grade) will meet from 5:45 until 7:00 pm** and the **Sr. EYC (9th-12th grade) will meet from 6:30 until 8:00pm**. Between 6:30 and 7:00 pm, we will all be together in Moseley Hall to share a meal provided by adults at St. Mary's (THANK YOU adults!).

Mark Your Calendars!!

Sunday, Sept. 7, 5:30-7pm
EYC Kick-Off Cook-Out @ the Warren home (901 Rountree St) with a brief meeting for ALL youth AND parents at 5:45.

Sunday, Sept. 14
Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Church
Jr. EYC 5:45-7:00pm
Sr. EYC 6:30-8:00pm

Both groups eat together from 6:30-7:00pm

Saturday, Sept. 20, 9am-4pm
yOUTHREACH @ St. Mary's (Diocesan Event)

Sunday, Sept. 21 &
 Sunday, Sept. 28
Jr. & Sr. EYC @ Church
Same times as Sep. 14

Please come and bring a friend!!!!

Sr. EYC Guys and Girls Groups

The Sr. EYC also meets in smaller groups throughout the year. The guys and girls meet separately once a month on a weekday evening to take a breather from school and everything else going on, catch up with one another, and share our journey in faith together. Dates, times, and places will be posted on the EYC Schedule and given to you at the EYC Kick-Off Cook-Out.

Bring a friend to the EYC KOCO!!!

Join us on Sunday, September 7th, at 5:30pm as we kick off the new year with the EYC KOCO (kick-off cook-out)!! There will be plenty of food, games, activities, and fun for all! Best of all, we'll be releasing our calendar for the Fall. Hope to see you there and please bring a friend, especially one who doesn't have a church home!!

Other News

From the Parish Register

Baptisms: Kellen Jameson Rafferty
Benjamin Matthew Rafferty
August 17, 2014

Pastoral News

Births: Sierra Rose Skinner
born August 3, 2014
to Geoff and Jennifer Skinner
Grandparents are Bonnie and Ronnie Holton

Derick Alan Shaw
born August 8, 2014
to Katelyn Shaw
Grandparents are Barbara and Richard Crumbacker

Arlo Daniel Atwell
and
Anderson Carlyle Atwell
born on July 6, 2014
to Brennan and Adam Atwell
Great grandmother is Veryl Trader

Death: Gay Dupree Waldrop
August 11, 2014
Mother of Carol Harper

Need Some Order in Your Life?!

There are so many things competing for a spot on your schedule – indeed, the time that God has given you is precious! While it might seem to be another *thing* to add to that schedule, starting your morning with a time of prayer to give thanks for the new day, to ask for God’s blessing in it for you and for others, and to hear God’s word will help to remind you of the blessing you are called to be as a Christian in this world. You can do this anywhere, but what better place than with your sisters and brothers in Christ at **St. Mary’s All Saints Chapel? Morning Prayer is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.** Please join us, if not in person, then in spirit along with the communion of saints as we worship God!

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We talked about how being baptized makes you a part of something bigger. It makes you a part of a group of people working together for a similar goal: to live a life in Christ. It helped me a lot because sometimes I can tend to only see my preferences involving religion, and I can forget that all denominations believe in God. Ultimately, Duke Youth Academy gave me a community of people where I could not only worship God as one big group, but where I could also learn more about my own relationship with God individually.

The second opportunity I had this summer was to attend The Episcopal Youth Event (EYE) in Philadelphia. This particular event happens every three years and is coordinated for all high school episcopal youth around the world. Being a part of this event meant that I was able to be in worship with more than a thousand other episcopal youth. It was unbelievable to see how much youth involvement there is currently within the Episcopal Church. Along with the worship aspect of EYE, another part of the event is attending the various workshops they have. These workshops covered a wide variety of topics such as: how to grow in spirituality on a more day-to-day basis, how to organize youth events like Happening and New Beginnings affectively, and how to continue involvement in the Episcopal Church after high school, whether through campus ministry at a college or through programs like the Young Adult Service Corps, etc. They discussed problems that I was facing as an episcopal youth and gave me actual real world answers I could use. Overall, EYE was an incredible experience that let me learn more about the Episcopal Church as a whole, as well as all the opportunities I have as a young person to serve through the Episcopal Church.

I would just like to say thank you to St. Mary’s for giving me these great opportunities and for all the support and interest from everyone at church that I have received about both of these experiences.

“Lemonade on the Lawn” comes to an end . . . From mid-June to mid-August we gathered outside following the 10:00 am Sunday service for refreshments and fellowship. Thank you to the many individuals/families who provided something to eat each week and cool, refreshing lemonade to drink: Sue and Jay Schaffer, Ike and Linda Hines, Holly Warren, Susan and Gerry Fox, Tempe and Carl Younger, Barbara and Warren Glen, Jane Wynne, Teresa Singer, Natalia Castro and James Kettell, and St. Mary’s Vestry. Thank you to Jane Wynne for coordinating this ministry.

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*Wednesday Night
 Dinners return on
 September 17th.*

Wednesday Night Dinners return to St. Mary's Church on September 17th at 6:00 p.m. The dinners are a delightful occasion for parish fellowship . . . and you leave the cooking to us!

Each week a signup sheet may be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex listing the week's dinner.

Those planning to attend must sign up prior to noon on Tuesday.

The cost of the meal is \$7 for adults (12 and older) \$5.00 for children under 12 and no more than \$23 for a family of 2 adults and children under 12.

Join your parish family on Wednesday evenings, and leave dinner to us!

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

P. C. Barwick, Jr.
 William (Bill) Connolly
 Anne B. Lindley
 John (Sandy) Shimer, Jr.

2015

W. Scott Newton, II
 Cyndi L. Rafferty
 Joseph V. Stark
 Stuart L. Stroud

2016

Susan F. Fox
 Stephen B. Hill
 Isaac (Ike) C. Hines
 Kevin M. Zoltek

Senior Warden – P. C. Barwick, Jr.

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

Clerk – Cyndi L. Rafferty

Treasurer – D. Stuart Lindley