

September 2023

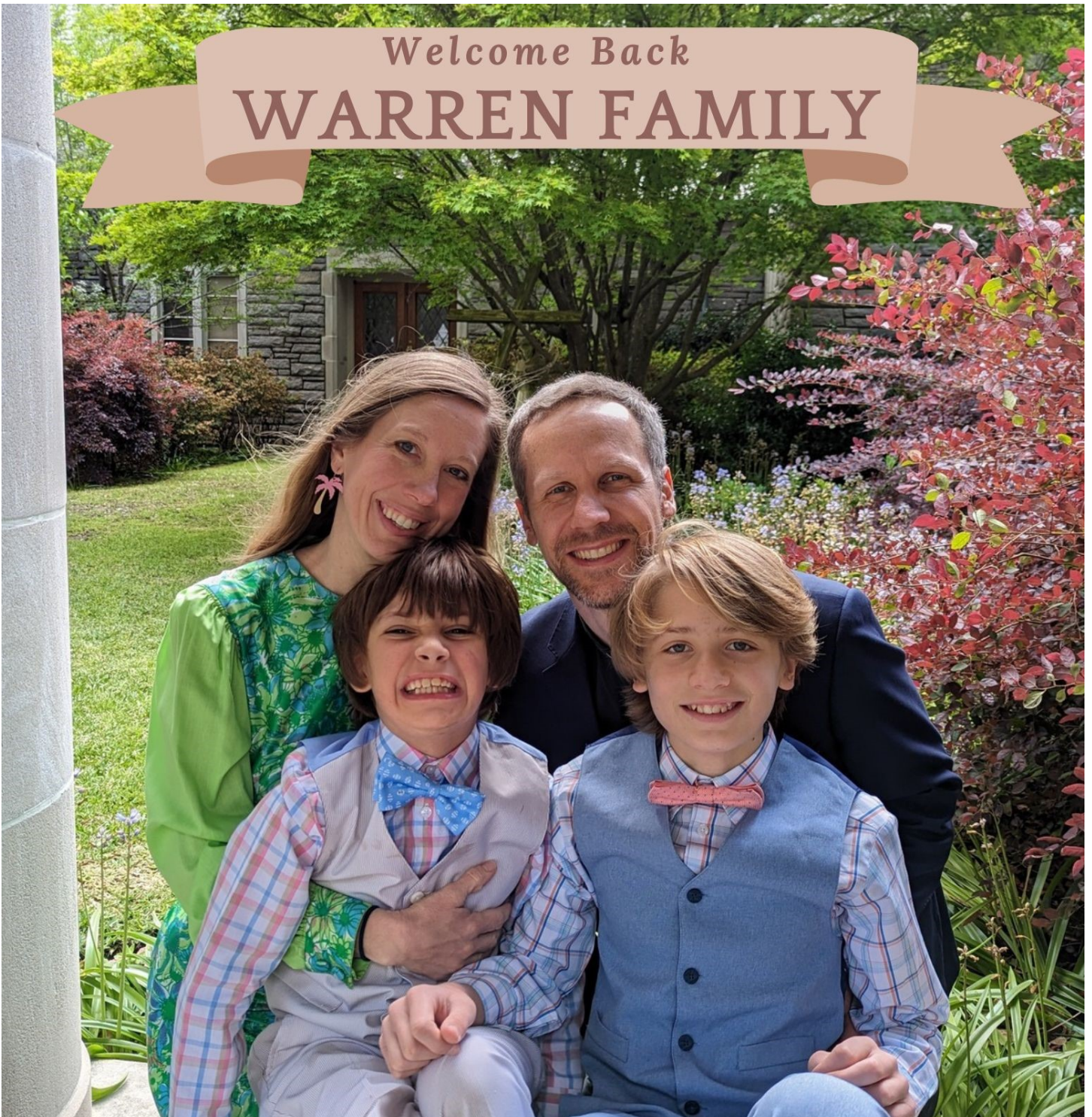


*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:
Serving with JOY!*

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

Welcome Back
WARREN FAMILY



A Season of Clergy Sabbatical



REDISCOVER
RENEW
REFRESH
REJOICE

A Note from the Senior Warden

Refresh, renew, rejoice—these are watchwords for September. We all are eager to welcome back Fr. Tom, Holly, Jude, and Mason from their 14 weeks of Sabbatical. We trust they will return to us refreshed and renewed in mind, body, and spirit. On our Mary's Day - Sunday September 10th - we look forward to reconnecting with them during our Adult Formation time. You should also notice that our church and education areas have been refreshed and renewed.

Classrooms used for our Children's Formation and Nursery and by St. Mary's Nursery School have received a much-needed paint job, and the wooden exterior doors to the church and chapel have been refinished. Jr. Warden Jim Purnell, the Property Subcommittee, and the entire Vestry have worked hard to make this happen during these summer months. On August 14th, the Episcopal Church celebrated the Feast Day of Saint Mary the Virgin, our Patron Saint, and on September 10th, we will hold our own Mary's Day. This is a time to remember the humble young woman whose radical faith and acceptance of God's plan personifies Christian devotion. It's a time to be inspired by her response - "Let it be with me according to God's word." It's a time to feel renewed in our faith and to rejoice in every opportunity to proclaim the greatness of the Lord. See you in church!

~ Vicki

OFFERED BY THE RACIAL HEALING
COMMISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF
EAST CAROLINA

1st Annual Jazz & Race Symposium

Jazz and Racial Healing intersect in many ways. Join us as we listen to Jazz and learn more about its history from The Rev'd Skip Walker. Dr. Catherine Meeks will share from her extensive involvement in Racial Healing in the larger Episcopal church and beyond.

St. James Episcopal Church
Wilmington, NC

September 16 - 1:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Dinner included.

Registration required by Sept 8th:

<https://dioec.regfox.com/1st-annual-jazz-and-race-symposium-2023>

ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO CHARGE TO
ATTEND WE DO ASK FOR A DONATION TO
OFFSET THE COST OF THE EVENT.



Save the Date for an

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SATURDAY - OCTOBER 21

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News at St. Mary's



Please hold the families of Betty Jackson (Laura Jackson and Andrew Duppstadt) and Dale Warner (Sarah and Dee Warner, Lillian and Dee) in your prayers. Betty passed away Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at ECU Health Medical Center in Greenville. Dale passed away Thursday, August 25, 2023 surrounded by his family. Let us pray:

Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: Deal graciously with the Jackson family and the Warner family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sunday Morning Parish Breakfast

Beginning **Sunday, September 17th**, Sunday Morning Breakfasts provided by men's cook teams will resume. Join us **each Sunday at 9am in Moseley Hall**, and let us serve you and your family a delicious meal before you head to Sunday School. All are invited!!! There is no charge! Love offerings welcome.



Cherished Members' Luncheon Returns!

This special ministry celebrates our Senior members of St. Mary's and their friends with a luncheon on the **first Thursday of each month beginning October 5th**. The luncheon begins at 11:30 am in Moseley Hall. It's a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a delicious meal lovingly prepared and served by members of St. Mary's. Be on the lookout for the sign up information.



With Thanks

Hey everyone, I just want to thank all of you for the support and generosity that you showed me during my eagle scout fundraiser and project. Because of you, I was able to raise enough money to build a pergola for the Shirley Herring Memorial Park and to help with landscaping cost as well. The Shirley Herring Memorial Park is located on the corner of Mitchell and North Street. The mural behind the pergolas was painted by Sully McCrae. Landscaping has not been completed yet, but hopefully within the next few months, this area will be finished. Thank you again for your support throughout my years of scouting.



~ Everette Haddad

News at St. Mary's



Life with St. Mary's A Newcomer Gathering

St. Mary's has been blessed to welcome many to the parish family in the last year! If you consider yourself new, or would otherwise appreciate a conversation about the life of faith at St. Mary's, please plan to come to this **3-session series on September 24th, October 1st, & October 8th.** We'll meet after the 10:30am liturgy, and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by the Friday before each gathering to Fr. Tom at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com. Welcome!



**Fall Pot-Luck
&
Neighborhood Trash-Bash**
Sunday, September 24

- 12:30pm Pot-Luck on the West Lawn
- 1:15pm Neighborhood Trash-Bash; remember to invite neighbors to the next event!

Bring a dish or a side to share, a heart to serve, and gloves to wear! Bags and pickers will be provided.

Winter Pot-Luck
&
Neighborhood Trash-Bash Event

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's Lemonade on the Lawn! Whether you hosted or attended, your participation offered an extra dose of hospitality to our visiting clergy. Our parish members and visitors were so blessed by all of you!



Mary's Kitchen Food Drive & Service Date

Our next food drive for Mary's Kitchen will be Sunday, October 1st. We will collect individually wrapped snack cakes (Little Debbie cakes or something similar) and bottled water. Everyone is invited to drop off their donations to the church during **business hours the week of September 25-29 or bring it on Sunday, October 1st to the morning liturgy.** All items collected will be taken to the kitchen that week to coincide with **our next quarterly service date on Sat. October 7th with the ECW** scheduled to serve. If you would like to volunteer for this date, please contact Audra Haddad.



*Step One: Love God
Step Two: Love Your Neighbor*

**Annual St. Mary's
Neighborhood Block Party!**
Sunday, October 1st at 5pm

Live music, food, and fellowship with our neighbors!

Fun and games for the kids!

Bring a dish, invite a friend, and plan to attend!



Mark your Calendars for Boar's Head 2024!

We are excited to share that Boar's Head is planned for **Sunday, January 7th, 2024.** The Festival is at 3pm and 5pm and is free to everyone! The banquet follows the 5pm service, and tickets will be available for purchase in November. Be on the lookout for more information on ways you can be involved in this wonderful tradition at St. Mary's!

Worship



Mary's Day ~ Sunday, September 10th

On Sunday, September 10, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Mary the Virgin - our parish's Matron Saint Day. This day is one of the highlights of our calendar, and we invite you to wear something **BLUE**, the symbolic color of St. Mary. On this day, we will enjoy a continental breakfast between the first and second services and use this time to reconnect with Father Tom, Holly, and the kids with their return from Sabbatical. Following the 10:30am liturgy, we will share our final Lemonade on the Lawn (*located in the breezeway near the St. Francis Prayer Garden*). Please invite a friend and make plans to join us on this **very** special day in the life of the Church and the life of our Parish!

Who was St. Mary the Virgin?

Mary was a young Israelite Jewish woman of Nazareth in Galilee and the mother of Jesus. 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 culminating marriage ceremony. She married Joseph and accompanied him to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The Virgin Mary is viewed as the ultimate compassionate human being, and holy, in part, because of her willingness to participate in God's plans for her life. The Virgin Mary is known and honored for her faithfulness to God, compassion for her Son and others, perseverance through incredible hardships, and much more. These must have been among the reasons why the Virgin Mary was chosen as the matron saint of this church nearly 200 years ago. Like our matron saint, we too are called to carry out ministries of faithfulness, compassion, perseverance, and much more each and every day of our lives.



The music ministry at St. Mary's offers many opportunities to share your love of music with others. All are welcome to join ~ non-music readers, beginning music readers, and experienced music readers.

- Beginning **Wednesday, September 6th**, the Chancel Choir will rehearse on **Wednesday evenings at 7pm** in the Choir Room.
- Beginning **Thursday, September 7th**, the Handbell Choir will rehearse on Thursday nights at **5:30pm-6:30pm** in Sharon's office.
- Beginning **Wednesday, September 20th**, the Children's Choir will rehearse on **Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm-7:00pm** in Sharon's office. All children are welcome, whether they are in preschool or elementary school.

We kick off October with

MASS
on the
GRASS



Mass on the Grass is an outdoor informal worship service located on the West Lawn of the church. Come and enjoy the special music and prayers at this service! Mark your calendars, bring a chair or blanket, invite a friend (or two!!!), and join us on **Sunday, October 1st, 10:30am.**

Christian Formation

ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Returns Sunday, September 24th
9:30am-10:30 am

Holy Bible

Join us as we explore
themes in The Bible

All are welcome!

Sunday Morning Adult Christian Formation

Mark your calendars and join us as we FALL BACK into Christian Formation opportunities at St. Mary's beginning **Sunday, September 24th at 9:30am**. The adult formation journey will explore BIG ideas core to the biblical story from their first appearance through the entire narrative of the Bible using lessons from The Bible Project. Come learn and experience the connection and cohesiveness of The Good News from Genesis to Revelation! Adult Christian Formation will meet every Sunday at 9:30am, and ALL are welcome!

Parish Breakfast & Ministry Fair

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH! WE ARE EXCITED FOR THE RETURN OF SUNDAY MORNING PARISH BREAKFAST ON THAT DAY. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A MINISTRY FAIR BETWEEN THE 8AM AND 10:30AM LITURGIES. THIS WILL BE A TIME TO HEAR ABOUT ALL THE GREAT MINISTRIES OUR CHURCH HAS TO OFFER IN OUR PARISH AS WELL AS THE COMMUNITY. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND AND BE IN PRAYER TO DISCOVER AND PURSUE WHERE YOU MAY BE CALLED IN MINISTRY.



Wednesday Nights in the Fall

We are excited for the return of Wednesday night suppers and programming! Make plans to join us for the kick-off on **Wednesday, September 20th** - dinner is served at 6:00pm with the program beginning at 6:30pm. This season, we will read and discuss the Weekly Lectionary. If you have always wanted to attend a Bible study but didn't have the time to read and prepare, this is your opportunity! Take a break from the weekly demands and join us at St. Mary's to be fed physically and spiritually!



Episcopal Church Women



The Episcopal Church Women

The ECW has many events in the upcoming season, and we hope you will join us:

- The wonderful ECW group serves at Mary's Kitchen on **Saturday, October 7th from 8:30am-12pm**. Please email/text/call Audra Haddad if you are able to serve that day.
- Long-cherished plans to update and redecorate the parlor are coming to life! Stay tuned for exciting developments!

Children, Youth, & Families @ St. Mary's



EYC Coffee with Liz

Thursday, September 7th & 21st
4:00-5:30 pm

All EYC

(at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse)

Family Park Day

Saturday, September 9th
9:00-10:30am

Bring a friend, and hang out at the park with us. We will have water and snacks.

Family Game Night

Saturday, September 9th
6-8pm
All Ages

Bring a game, bring snacks, or just bring yourself. We will have games and light snacks as well.

EYC Dinner and Activity

Sunday, September 17th
5-8pm
All EYC

Kids Ministries Dinner and Activity

Sunday, September 17th
5-7pm

All families with kids 5th grade and younger
This is a free-flowing event. Join us any time between 5-7pm for dinner and activities.

Wednesday Night Suppers & Lessons

Every Wednesday beginning September 20th
6-7:30pm
All Ages

Join us for dinner, time to learn, and time to grow together. Staffed nurseries are available.

Family Community Service Day

September 23rd
Time and Place TBA

Sunday School & EYC Formation

Every Sunday beginning September 24th
9:30-10:20am

From the Desk of Liz:

Here we are, at the beginning of a new school year. So much of this time of year is familiar, but there are also new routines, new friends, new challenges, and new goals.

I am praying that we all find a new flow and settle in for the journey as we move through this time of year. Please let us know how we can help you and your family succeed!

This new season also means the beginning of the 2023-2024 Curriculum Year at St. Mary's. Please remember to register your child at the following links:

- EYC Registration
<https://form.jotform.com/232042825900145>
- Kids Ministries Registration
<https://form.jotform.com/232043047630142>

OCTOBER SAVE THE DATES:

- October 1 (morning)
Mass on the Grass
- October 1 (afternoon)
St. Mary's Neighborhood Block Party
- October 8
Blessing of the Animals Service
- October 13-14
EYC (High School only) in Raleigh Overnight
- October 21
Revival!
- October 31 (4:30-6:30pm)
Trunk-OR-Treat

Be sure to check out our Instagram pages for updates!

Liz

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SAVE THE DATE:
THE BLESSING
OF THE
ANIMALS

On **Sunday, October 8th, at 4pm**, ALL ANIMALS (and their human companions) are invited to 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**.

SUNDAYS

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel
 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church
 (livestreamed to [YouTube](#) and shared on [Facebook](#))

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

8:30 am - Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 am - Men's Prayer & Bible Group in Moseley Hall
 12:00 pm - Weekly Wednesday Worship in the Chapel
 6:00 pm - Wednesday Share & Prayer

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2023	2024	2025
Skip Greene	Clifton Carey	Andrew Dupstadt
Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards	Bonnie Holton
Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott	Anne Lindley
Pam Mazingo	Ginny Wade	Jim Purnell

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